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Dear Queensland Government,

**Letter of support for the development of a Tier 2 rectangular stadium in central Brisbane as part of the legacy of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic & Paralympic Games**

We write on behalf of the CommBank Matildas, the Subway Socceroos, all other Australian National Football Teams and A-Leagues Men's and Women's players, to confirm our support for the development of a Tier 2 rectangular stadium in central Brisbane as part of the legacy of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic & Paralympic Games.

We also confirm our support for the development of suitable training site infrastructure to accommodate participating teams during the Olympic Football Tournaments, and to serve the vast football community in Queensland following their completion.

Australia has been proven to experience considerable growth in football participation upon the hosting of major international events. In the 12 months that followed the hosting of the AFC Asian Cup in 2015, which recently celebrated its 10th anniversary, national participation grew by a staggering 20%. However, as was the case following the hosting of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, there was no meaningful legacy to the game of football in the state of Queensland. While the Asian Cup was a huge success on and off the pitch across four states and territories, Queensland was the only state that did not reinvest the financial windfall of the event into the development of football.

The unparalleled success of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 attracted record-breaking television audiences and spectator attendances, and also contributed to national growth of 11% in the 12 months following the event. Queensland is now proudly home to the second-largest outdoor football participation in the country, and also the second-highest in female participation. However, while appreciative of the support, the \$10m Queensland Women's Football Legacy Fund announced during the FIFA Women's World Cup is grossly inadequate to meet the demands of the near 300,000 participants of football in the state today, let alone the thousands more that will play football over the coming decade. Many players continue to be turned away by at-capacity grassroots clubs, or fail to return the next season owing to the poor experience delivered by ageing facilities that are not fit-for-purpose.

The players will give their all for Australia in the years leading to, and during, the

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Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games. We know that we will inspire all Australians, and harness the power of the Games for the good of the community.

All we ask in return is that Governments value this sacrifice by delivering a true legacy for the largest grassroots sport in Brisbane and Queensland.

Yours in Football,

  
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