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Brisbane Showgrounds announced as location for 2032 Olympic & Paralympic Games Athletes village

Today, the Premier of Queensland, the Hon David Crisafulli MP, announced the Brisbane Showgrounds as the location for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Athletes Village.

This follows a joint submission from Lendlease and the RNA proposing the Showgrounds as the home of the Main Athletes Village to the Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority.

RNA President David Thomas said the Athlete's Village at the Showgrounds will be historic for Brisbane, embracing the IOC's new ethos of shaping the Games to the city in utilising a famous landmark synonymous with Queensland's social, cultural and sporting heritage for almost 150 years.

"The project will provide once-in-a-lifetime legacy benefits for not just Brisbane, but rural and regional Queensland," Mr Thomas said.

RNA Chief Executive Brendan Christou said as a location, the Brisbane Showgrounds is a hyper-connected and event-ready precinct that offers seamless Games and city integration, and can deliver an exceptional experience for the world's greatest athletes, while showcasing the best of Queensland.

"Not only will it utilise the wealth of existing event facilities the showgrounds has to offer – but it will provide new and generational infrastructure upgrades that will ensure the state's biggest and most loved event – the Royal Queensland Show - can continue for another 150 years at its original birthplace following the first Ekka in 1876," Mr Christou said.

Mr Christou said that during delivery of the village, the Ekka will continue to operate as normal in the lead-in to the Games.

Lendlease Executive Director, Development, Queensland, Justin Davies said the Athletes Village could accelerate the development of the RNA site, offering new housing in the heart of Brisbane designed to accommodate more than 10,000 athletes during the Games.

"Located at the city's doorstep, our proposal for the Main Athletes Village can offer the world's Olympians and Paralympians a memorable Games experience with incredible transport connectivity, great accessibility to major venues and an environment that will foster peak athlete performance."



“The Brisbane Showgrounds is an exceptional location for the Athlete’s Village that will showcase the best of Brisbane and regional Queensland on the global stage and build a lasting legacy,” Mr Davies said.

Post Olympics, the athletes’ accommodation will also deliver much needed permanent homes to meet Brisbane’s housing shortage.

“We have a strong track-record in delivering world-class urban renewal and major event projects both at home and abroad, including Athletes Villages for the Sydney 2000 and London 2012 Games. Brisbane 2032 will be no exception,” Mr Davies added.

Lendlease and RNA are looking forward to working with government, the IOC and project partners to progress plans and designs for the Athletes Village.

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