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Submission regarding the Victoria Park Precinct Draft Legacy Plan

Outdoors Queensland is the peak body for the outdoor sector in Queensland.

We represent outdoor organisations and individuals in Queensland, consisting of a range of outdoor industry stakeholders, covering the five broad pillars of outdoor activities:

- outdoor and environmental education,
- outdoor health (including adventure therapy),
- outdoor tourism (adventure/ nature-based tourism), and
- associated support services (e.g. land and water management, infrastructure, sector training and development, other support services, retail sales).

The mission of Outdoors Queensland is to ensure that Queensland's outdoor sector is empowered, supported and valued. Our vision that everyone can enjoy the health and well-being benefits of the outdoors through a thriving Queensland outdoor sector.

Outdoors Queensland appreciates the opportunity to make a submission regarding the Victoria Park Precinct Draft Legacy Plan (the draft plan). We note that the public submission process involved an online survey and an opportunity to pin comments to an online map, however we believed our points could be better made via a written submission.

Outdoors Queensland supports the stated vision in the draft plan – "A place of gathering with experiences for all." We appreciate the fact that recreation is listed on page 5 of the draft plan along with events, entertainment and parklands in the vibrant mix of ways to celebrate subtropical living.

Outdoors Queensland strongly supports the statement on page 6 of the draft plan which says that "Active travel corridors will be expanded to facilitate walking and cycling to Games venues and other key inner-city attractions through targeted infrastructure upgrades, improving the attractiveness, safety and all-day usability of walking and cycling routes as a legacy of the Games."

Outdoors Queensland supports the high-level guiding principles and objectives set out on pages 12 and 13 of the draft plan, particularly the following:

- Enabling liveability: To enable everyday participation by embracing our enviable lifestyle.
- Hosting extraordinary events: To create an iconic destination that supports memorable experiences and unites people through sport, culture and entertainment.
- Accessible through seamless connections: To allow people of all abilities to easily access, navigate and enjoy a safe precinct.
- Resilient and efficient precinct-wide systems: To strengthen ecological connections and resilience.
- Grounded in history, place and culture: To celebrate connections between place, culture and history across generations.
- Strategic investment for future value: To leverage investment to contribute to a prosperous new world city.

Outdoors Queensland submits that construction of the two new proposed bridges (Eastern/Western walking & cycling bridges) linking the Victoria Park Precinct across the Inner City Bybass road and railway tracks are critical components of this plan that can enable the stated vision, principles and objectives to be achieved. We believe that these bridges should be funded and prioritised as essential infrastructure for the precinct, rather than being described as “Potential new bridge connections” (page 11 of the draft plan).

We note that there are discrepancies relating to the pedestrian and cycle paths indicated on the sketches on pages 14 & 15 of the draft plan. These discrepancies may relate to the need to prioritise particular aspects of the precinct being illustrated on various diagrams, however it is important to clarify the pedestrian and cycle paths to ensure that seamless movement of people across and around the precinct is prioritised.

Outdoors Queensland strongly supports the focus on Movement and accessibility on pages 18 & 19 of the draft plan, especially the Walking, cycling and e-mobility section and the Accessibility and inclusion section.

Although we appreciate the sentiment regarding Places and Spaces on page 21 of the draft plan, we suggest it is somewhat disingenuous to state that there will be more publicly open space across the precinct when it is moving from almost 100% parklands to “Around two-thirds”. We note that the diagrams on page 21 & 24 show areas depicted in darker green (Urban forest) coloured outside the boundaries of the precinct.

We note that the diagram on page 10 of the draft plan states that the timeline for “Urban forest established and maturing” is 2042 and beyond. We suggest that the urban forest should be prioritised for delivery much earlier than 2042 and beyond, with this aspect being accelerated for earlier delivery to truly provide world-class experiences for both local communities and visitors.

Outdoors Queensland looks forward to further involvement in this important process. We would be pleased to provide additional detail regarding elements of this submission.

We understand that this submission may be published as part of the consultation process. If you have any queries, please contact Executive Officer, Dom Courtney, on 0419 976 800 or eo@outdoorsqueensland.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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