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# Sporting Wheelies' Response to the 100 Day Review

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## 1. Executive Summary

Sporting Wheelies is Queensland's leading organisation for adaptive sports, recreation, and allied health services, with over 40 years of experience empowering people with disabilities to live active, inclusive lives. From grassroots participation to elite athlete development, our programs create opportunities that enhance physical health, mental well-being, and social connection. These efforts align directly with Brisbane 2032's legacy objectives of increasing participation, embedding accessibility, and creating enduring opportunities for people with disabilities.

This submission to the 100-Day Review highlights the importance of infrastructure and systems that support adaptive sports and embed accessibility across Queensland's built environment. It advocates for three key priorities:

- 1. The Establishment of a Flagship Parasport Centre in Southeast Queensland**

This proposed world-class facility would address critical gaps in infrastructure for adaptive sports, providing state-of-the-art spaces for training, competition, rehabilitation, and community engagement. As the central hub for parasport, it would represent a meaningful commitment to the Brisbane 2032 legacy, setting benchmarks for inclusivity, innovation, and excellence.

- 2. A Statewide Network of Accessible Facilities**

Beyond the flagship centre, Brisbane 2032 offers a rare opportunity to establish best-practice accessibility in all new and upgraded venues statewide. Facilities such as the planned indoor stadiums in Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay, Logan, and Mackay must be designed to exceed minimum compliance standards, ensuring equitable access and participation opportunities for people with disabilities, no matter their location.

- 3. Leadership and Economic Participation for People with Disabilities**

The Games provide an opportunity to model disability inclusion at every level of governance, including within the Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority (GIICA). Involving people with disabilities in decision-making ensures access and inclusion principles are embedded from the outset, reducing risks of costly oversights. Brisbane 2032 can also promote economic participation for people with disabilities by championing inclusive employment and procurement practices across all Games-related activities.

### Activating Infrastructure with Inclusive Programming

As an experienced provider of adaptive sports and community engagement programs, Sporting Wheelies is uniquely positioned to activate these facilities. From delivering grassroots programs and high-performance athlete development to hosting community events and allied health services, Sporting Wheelies has the expertise to ensure that infrastructure investments translate into meaningful opportunities for participation, connection, and health outcomes.

### Supporting Brisbane 2032 Participation Goals

Brisbane 2032 has committed to creating 500,000 new opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in sport across Australia, with a pro-rata goal of approximately 120,000 Queenslanders

with disabilities. Achieving this requires not only world-class infrastructure but also statewide equity in access and programming to engage all communities effectively.

## Supporting the UQ Centre for Rehabilitation and Disability Sport

Sporting Wheelies supports ongoing discussions with the University of Queensland (UQ) and Paralympics Australia on the proposed "UQ Centre for Rehabilitation and Disability Sport." As a confirmed partner and core tenant, we view this initiative as a strong candidate for delivering the flagship Parasport Centre. UQ's established infrastructure and expertise create a foundation for maximising benefits to the parasport and rehabilitation communities. However, regardless of its final location, the realisation of this facility must be prioritised as part of a broader, statewide strategy for inclusivity.

## Key Features of the Parasport Centre

- **Multi-Sport Compatibility:** Modular facilities designed to accommodate wheelchair basketball, goalball, boccia, wheelchair rugby, and emerging adaptive sports.
- **Integrated Allied Health Services:** Co-located services, including physiotherapy, neuro-rehabilitation, and adaptive fitness programs, tailored to meet diverse community needs.
- **Universal Accessibility Features:** Best-practice designs with wide corridors, tactile signage, automated doors, low-sensory spaces, and mobility aid charging stations.
- **Dedicated Spaces:** Athlete recovery zones, secure storage, accessible changing rooms, and community learning hubs.

## Strategic Recommendations

1. **Prioritise the Parasport Centre as a Flagship Legacy Project:** Recognise its role in addressing infrastructure gaps, increasing participation, and setting global benchmarks for inclusivity.
2. **Embed Best-Practice Accessibility Across Queensland:** Mandate universal design principles for all Brisbane 2032-related venues to create functional, inclusive spaces for all users.
3. **Support Regional Equity:** Ensure facilities in regional hubs deliver the same quality and functionality as metropolitan venues, reducing barriers for regional athletes and participants.
4. **Position Sporting Wheelies as a Strategic Partner:** Leverage our extensive experience in adaptive sports and allied health to lead the successful operation of these projects and deliver meaningful community outcomes.
5. **Champion Disability Leadership and Economic Participation:** Ensure people with disabilities are involved in all levels of governance and decision-making for Brisbane 2032, while also driving inclusive employment and procurement practices.

Brisbane 2032 is more than an event – it is a chance to reshape perspectives, elevate disability inclusion, and create a legacy of equitable opportunities for Queenslanders. The Parasport Centre and a statewide network of accessible facilities, activated by Sporting Wheelies, will address gaps in adaptive sports and community participation, delivering both social and economic benefits.

Sporting Wheelies is committed to driving this vision and collaborating with stakeholders to build a future defined by equity, inclusion, and opportunity for all Queenslanders.

## 2. Introduction

### Sporting Wheelies' Vision

Sporting Wheelies is Queensland's leading organisation dedicated to advancing adaptive sports, recreation, and allied health services for people with disabilities. For over 40 years, we have championed opportunities for individuals to engage in physical activity, achieve their athletic aspirations, and build meaningful community connections. Our programs span grassroots initiatives to elite athlete pathways, ensuring inclusivity is embedded at every level of participation.

Beyond our leadership in adaptive sports, Sporting Wheelies delivers essential allied health services, including exercise physiology, physiotherapy, and tailored fitness programs, all within accessible facilities. This unique combination of expertise positions us as a trusted leader in activating inclusive spaces, driving adaptive sports participation, and supporting the overall health and well-being of Queenslanders with disabilities.

### Brisbane 2032 as a Catalyst

The Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games offer an unprecedented opportunity to redefine accessibility and inclusion across Queensland. Beyond hosting a global sporting event, the Games serve as a powerful catalyst for lasting change, addressing critical gaps in adaptive sports infrastructure and embedding accessibility and equity in all future development.

The 100-Day Review provides a vital moment to prioritise the right projects, in the right places, with the right governance. For Sporting Wheelies, this represents an opportunity to advocate for infrastructure and programs that are not only inclusive and functional but also designed to support Brisbane 2032's commitment to creating 500,000 new opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in sport across Australia – including approximately 120,000 in Queensland.

### A Balanced Approach to Legacy

Sporting Wheelies advocates for a dual approach to achieving Brisbane 2032's legacy objectives:

- 1. A Flagship Parasport Centre**

Establishing a world-class facility in Southeast Queensland will address longstanding gaps in adaptive sports infrastructure, providing spaces for grassroots participation, elite training, rehabilitation, and community engagement. Sporting Wheelies strongly supports the proposed UQ Centre for Rehabilitation and Disability Sport as a leading candidate for this project, recognising its potential to leverage existing infrastructure, academic expertise, and statewide networks. Regardless of its location, the realisation of this flagship facility is essential, with Sporting Wheelies positioned as the lead tenant and activation partner to ensure its operational success.

- 2. Statewide Accessibility Standards**

Embedding best-practice accessibility in all new and upgraded venues across Queensland will ensure equitable opportunities for people with disabilities statewide. Planned projects, such as the indoor stadiums in Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay, Logan, and Mackay, must exceed minimum compliance standards to meet the diverse needs of athletes and

communities. Sporting Wheelies is committed to partnering with stakeholders to activate these spaces, delivering ongoing legacy outcomes in sport and recreation across Queensland.

## Envisioning Activation

Sporting Wheelies is uniquely positioned to lead the activation of these facilities, transforming them into vibrant hubs for participation, health, and community connection. Our extensive experience in delivering grassroots programs, facilitating high-performance training, and providing allied health services ensures that these spaces will drive meaningful outcomes statewide.

By combining a flagship Parasport Centre (Hub) with a statewide network of inclusive, accessible venues (Spokes), Brisbane 2032 can set a global benchmark for inclusivity and legacy. This balanced approach will ensure the Games leave a sustainable and meaningful legacy for people with disabilities across Queensland, creating a model of accessibility and opportunity for generations to come.

## 3. The Need for Accessible Infrastructure

### Current Gaps

Queensland's parasport community continues to face significant challenges due to inadequately designed or inaccessible facilities. While initiatives like Sporting Wheelies' Milton Para Clubhouse have pioneered new approaches, they also expose the limitations of retrofitting existing spaces to meet the unique needs of parasports.

The Milton Para Clubhouse, hailed as a first-of-its-kind facility, offers accessible gym spaces, a multi-sport court, and a hub for community connection. However, budget and design limitations highlight broader systemic issues in Queensland's adaptive sports infrastructure:

- **Capacity Constraints:** A single basketball court cannot accommodate the growing demand for parasport activities. External venues are often leased to meet the needs of competitions and community programs, stretching resources thin.
- **Safety and Accessibility Challenges:** Narrow run-off areas, uneven flooring, and insufficient storage for adaptive equipment limit the Clubhouse's functionality and pose safety risks to athletes.
- **Infrastructure Vulnerabilities:** The Clubhouse's location in a flood-prone zone, frequent roof leaks, and retrofitted sewerage systems demonstrate the risks of relying on facilities not purpose-built for parasports.
- **Financial Sustainability:** The annual rent exceeding \$300,000 is unsustainable for a charitable organisation like Sporting Wheelies. Landlord reluctance to invest in necessary improvements exacerbates these challenges.

While the Milton Para Clubhouse has been a vital step forward, it exemplifies the urgent need for purpose-built facilities prioritising accessibility, functionality, and sustainability.

## Demand for Inclusive Participation

The limitations of the Milton Para Clubhouse mirror the growing demand for adaptive sports infrastructure across Queensland and the ambitious participation goals tied to Brisbane 2032.

- **Grassroots and Community Engagement:** Programs hosted at the Clubhouse underscore the rising interest in parasports, but this demand far exceeds its capacity, particularly in regional areas where adaptive facilities are scarce.
- **Elite Athlete Pathways:** Queensland's Paralympic ambitions necessitate facilities meeting international training and competition standards. Retrofitted venues fail to deliver the high-quality infrastructure required for athlete development.
- **Regional Inequities:** Southeast Queensland benefits from facilities like the Milton Para Clubhouse, but regional communities often lack even basic provisions for parasports. Addressing these disparities is essential to achieving Brisbane 2032's vision of statewide inclusivity.

## Brisbane 2032 Legacy Goals

Brisbane 2032 has set a bold target of creating 500,000 new opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in sport across Australia. Pro-rata, this equates to approximately 120,000 Queenslanders with disabilities engaging in sport by 2032. Achieving this goal requires purpose-built, accessible infrastructure that meets the growing demand at all levels of participation, from grassroots programs to elite pathways.

## Beyond Minimum Standards

The lessons from the Milton Para Clubhouse emphasise the need to go beyond compliance to deliver best-practice, future-ready facilities:

- **Purpose-Built Design:** Infrastructure must integrate wide corridors, automated doors, modular courts, accessible changerooms, and adequate storage to meet current needs and future growth.
- **Universal Accessibility:** Spaces must cater to athletes, spectators, officials, and staff, creating inclusive environments for all users.
- **Sustainability and Resilience:** Facilities must be designed to withstand environmental risks like flooding and provide scalable, adaptable value over the long term.

## The Opportunity

Brisbane 2032 presents an unprecedented opportunity to transform Queensland's adaptive sports infrastructure. By investing in purpose-built flagship facilities like the Parasport Centre and embedding best-practice accessibility across all new and upgraded venues, Queensland can set a global benchmark for inclusivity and meet the ambitious participation goals of Brisbane 2032.

The Milton Para Clubhouse has proven the potential of adaptive facilities to drive participation and engagement. However, its shortcomings highlight the need for a significant next step. The Parasport



Centre can fill this critical gap, supported by a network of accessible venues statewide. Sporting Wheelies is ready to lead this evolution, ensuring all Queenslanders with disabilities have equitable access to world-class infrastructure while delivering on Brisbane 2032's legacy objectives.

## 4. The Parasport Centre: A Flagship Facility

A flagship Parasport Centre must be a versatile, purpose-built facility that addresses Queensland's critical gaps in adaptive sports infrastructure. Designed to serve as a hub for grassroots participation, elite athlete development, and community engagement, the Centre will provide a world-class environment for parasports today while anticipating future needs. As a cornerstone of Brisbane 2032's legacy, the Centre will exemplify best-practice inclusivity and accessibility, setting new standards globally for adaptive sports infrastructure.

### Multi-Sport Compatibility: A Future-Ready Facility for All Adaptive Sports

The Parasport Centre must be adaptable to host a diverse range of sports and activities, ensuring long-term relevance and utility:

- **Flexible Court Configurations:** Modular courts to support wheelchair basketball, goalball, boccia, wheelchair rugby, and emerging adaptive sports.
- **Durable Flooring Systems:** High-performance surfaces designed for mobility aids, adaptive equipment, and intensive sports activities.
- **Ample Storage Solutions:** Dedicated spaces for equipment such as sports wheelchairs, goals, and ramps to enable seamless activity transitions.
- **Technology Integration:** Facilities equipped for esports, virtual training, and real-time analytics to drive innovation in parasports.

### Essential Amenities: Athlete-Centric and Accessible

To create an inclusive environment, the Centre must prioritise the needs of athletes, participants, and spectators with disabilities:

- **State-of-the-Art Changing Rooms:** Accessible spaces with height-adjustable benches, ceiling hoists, private areas, and lockers tailored for diverse mobility needs.
- **Rest and Recovery Zones:** Ergonomic lounges with charging stations, hydration facilities, and calming spaces for athletes and participants.
- **Assistance Animal Areas:** Dedicated zones for service animals, including rest areas, hydration stations, and waste disposal facilities.
- **Inclusive Showers and Toilets:** Roll-in showers, adjustable fixtures, and flexible transfer options designed for universal accessibility.

## Universal Accessibility: A Global Benchmark

The Parasport Centre must set a new standard for inclusive design, ensuring ease of use for all visitors:

- **Wayfinding Excellence:** Tactile pathways, Braille and digital signage, audio navigation, and clear directional tools.
- **Hands-Free Solutions:** Automated doors, motion-activated utilities, and sensor-based lighting to minimise physical barriers.
- **Generous Pathways:** Corridors at least 3 meters wide to accommodate multiple users and high-traffic areas.

## Integrated Allied Health and Recreation Services

To maximise its impact, the Centre must integrate health, fitness, and therapeutic services:

- **Rehabilitation and Therapy Zones:** Equipped with gait trainers, motion analysis systems, and adjustable treatment tables.
- **Adaptive Gym Facilities:** Accessible equipment such as wheelchair-friendly treadmills, resistance machines, and virtual fitness systems.
- **Hydrotherapy Pools:** Warm-water pools with adjustable depths, accessible ramps, and hoist systems to cater to diverse therapeutic needs.

## Event-Level Infrastructure: Elevating Parasports on a Global Stage

The Centre must enhance the visibility and reach of parasports through state-of-the-art event infrastructure:

- **Broadcast-Ready Capabilities:** Integrated technology for live streaming, commentary booths, and optimal spectator camera angles.
- **Inclusive Spectator Seating:** Flexible configurations with equitable sightlines and companion seating options.
- **Dynamic Event Spaces:** Adaptable areas for various event formats and audience sizes.

## Leveraging UQ's Proposal

Among potential sites, the proposed "UQ Centre for Rehabilitation and Disability Sport" offers a well-developed and compelling option. UQ's existing infrastructure, which supports 20 of 22 Paralympic sports, presents unique advantages:

- **Integrated Facilities:** Combining aquatic and athletics venues with multi-sport courts reduces logistical challenges.
- **Expertise and Innovation:** Leveraging UQ's research, academic programs, and statewide networks to pioneer adaptive sports solutions.

- **Statewide Reach:** Partnering with UQ’s regional connections to extend benefits beyond Southeast Queensland.
- **Sustainability:** Building on UQ’s operational capacity to ensure financial and functional viability over the long term.

While UQ’s proposal offers significant benefits, Sporting Wheelies emphasises that the Parasport Centre must be realised, regardless of location, with a design and activation strategy focused on maximising impact across Queensland.

## Statewide Connectivity: Extending the Centre’s Impact

The Centre’s influence must extend beyond Southeast Queensland to ensure statewide equity:

- **Virtual Training Platforms:** Advanced streaming and coaching technologies connecting regional athletes to training, workshops, and events.
- **Satellite Facilities:** Smaller regional hubs hosting programs, storing adaptive equipment, and delivering community-based opportunities.

## Sporting Wheelies: Leading the Activation

Sporting Wheelies envisions playing a pivotal role in activating the Parasport Centre. From managing daily operations to delivering grassroots programs, elite training, and community events, Sporting Wheelies’ expertise ensures the Centre will become a vibrant, inclusive hub aligned with Brisbane 2032’s legacy goals.

## Shaping the Future of Adaptive Sports

The Parasport Centre is more than a facility; it represents an opportunity to redefine adaptive sports in Queensland. By addressing infrastructure gaps, embedding universal design principles, and fostering statewide connectivity, the Centre will leave a legacy of inclusivity, accessibility, and opportunity that benefits generations to come.

# 5. Statewide Best-Practice Provisions

## Beyond the Parasport Centre

While the Parasport Centre will serve as a flagship facility, it cannot alone meet the adaptive sports infrastructure needs of all Queenslanders. Brisbane 2032 provides a unique opportunity to establish a statewide network of accessible, purpose-built venues that address regional disparities and create lasting opportunities for adaptive sports participation across metropolitan and regional areas.

Key infrastructure projects, including proposed indoor stadiums in Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay, Logan, and Mackay, must exemplify best-practice accessibility and inclusivity. These venues should exceed minimum compliance standards, ensuring they accommodate the diverse needs of athletes, spectators, and communities with disabilities while setting a global benchmark for future projects.

## Best-Practice Design Principles

To ensure inclusivity and long-term relevance, all Brisbane 2032-related infrastructure must incorporate the following design principles:

- **Modular, Multi-Sport Courts:**
  - Flexible designs to support a range of adaptive sports, including wheelchair basketball, goalball, boccia, and wheelchair rugby.
  - Configurations that enable simultaneous use by multiple groups, optimising functionality and accessibility.
  - Sufficient storage for adaptive sports equipment and assistive technologies.
- **Enhanced Accessible Amenities:**
  - **Changing Rooms:** Spaces equipped with height-adjustable benches, ceiling-mounted hoists, private areas, and wide circulation paths.
  - **Showers and Toilets:** Roll-in access, drop-down benches, and other universal features tailored for diverse user needs.
  - **Spectator Areas:** Universally designed seating with wheelchair spaces, companion seating, and unobstructed sightlines for equitable viewing experiences.
- **Sensory and Rest Spaces:**
  - Quiet, low-sensory environments for neurodiverse participants to prepare or recover.
  - Athlete recovery areas with physiotherapy tools, hydration stations, and ergonomic seating.
- **Inclusive Community Areas:**
  - Multi-purpose rooms for workshops, education, and social engagement, fostering community connection.
  - Adaptive fitness zones designed to accommodate varying mobility needs, promoting physical and mental well-being.

## Equity in Participation

Achieving equity requires addressing the challenges faced by regional communities, ensuring adaptive sports opportunities are accessible to all Queenslanders:

- **Comparable Access:**
  - Regional venues must match the quality and accessibility of metropolitan facilities to provide equitable opportunities for athletes and participants, regardless of location.
  - Investment in accessible transportation networks is essential to link regional hubs with programs and events.

- **Mainstream Integration:**
  - Adaptive sports should be fully integrated into the broader sporting ecosystem, treated as equal and integral to mainstream sports.
  - Facilities must support both adaptive and mainstream sports, fostering collaboration and normalising inclusion at all levels of participation.

## Creating a Statewide Legacy

A statewide approach ensures Brisbane 2032 delivers an inclusive legacy that benefits every corner of Queensland. By adopting best-practice design principles and balancing investment across metropolitan and regional facilities, Queensland can establish itself as a leader in inclusive infrastructure, meeting the Games' participation goals while fostering long-term societal change.

Sporting Wheelies is ready to lead the activation of these venues, leveraging decades of expertise in program delivery and community engagement. By collaborating with government, corporate, and community partners, Sporting Wheelies will ensure these spaces deliver meaningful and lasting outcomes. Together, we can build a network of facilities that exemplifies the Brisbane 2032 vision, advancing equity, inclusion, and opportunity for all Queenslanders.

## 6. Legacy Alignment

The Parasport Centre's focus on inclusivity, accessibility, and adaptability ensures it will meet the immediate needs of Brisbane 2032 while establishing a lasting legacy for people with disabilities. Purpose-built to address the specific requirements of adaptive sports, the Centre will provide equitable access, foster lifelong participation, and create opportunities for community connection. Unlike multi-use venues, which must balance competing priorities, the Parasport Centre will prioritise the needs of adaptive sports participants across all levels of engagement.

### Participation Goals

The Parasport Centre plays a central role in helping Brisbane 2032 achieve its ambitious goal of creating 500,000 new participation opportunities for people with disabilities. With approximately 120,000 of these opportunities expected to be realised in Queensland, the Centre will be pivotal in driving inclusive engagement:

- **Expanding Access:** A state-of-the-art, fully accessible venue will remove barriers to participation, ensuring people with disabilities have equal opportunities to engage in sport and recreation.
- **Facilitating Programs:** Tailored programs, including introductory parasport sessions, adaptive fitness classes, and inclusive social leagues, will cater to diverse age groups and abilities, promoting physical and mental well-being.
- **Reaching Underserved Regions:** Serving as a central hub, the Centre will extend its reach to regional and remote areas through targeted outreach initiatives and virtual platforms, ensuring equitable opportunities statewide.

## Community Impact

The Parasport Centre's influence will extend beyond sports, driving broader societal benefits by fostering health, inclusion, and awareness:

- **Improving Health Outcomes:** By promoting regular physical activity, the Centre will address key health challenges such as sedentary lifestyles, obesity, and mental health conditions, enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities.
- **Fostering Social Inclusion:** As a vibrant, community-focused space, the Centre will provide opportunities for individuals, families, and support networks to connect, reducing isolation and building a sense of belonging.
- **Promoting Disability Awareness:** Public workshops, open days, and inclusive programs will help challenge stereotypes, increase understanding of adaptive sports, and cultivate a culture of inclusivity.
- **Driving Economic Empowerment:** Brisbane 2032 offers a platform to champion inclusive hiring practices, accessible procurement policies, and targeted skills development. By embedding economic opportunities for people with disabilities within Games-related activities, the Parasport Centre can contribute to lasting economic independence and equity for individuals across Queensland.

## Elite Pathways

As a centre of excellence, the Parasport Centre will support high-performance athletes while nurturing the next generation of Paralympians, reinforcing Queensland and Australia's leadership in parasport:

- **Developing Talent:** Advanced training spaces, rehabilitation facilities, and access to cutting-edge sports science will equip athletes with the resources needed to excel.
- **Seamless Pathways:** The integration of grassroots programs with elite development pathways will ensure talented athletes are identified early and supported through structured progression.
- **Hosting High-Performance Events:** Designed for national and international competitions, the Centre will elevate the profile of parasports while providing athletes with valuable experience on the global stage.

## Broader Legacy Alignment

The Parasport Centre is a cornerstone of Brisbane 2032's vision to increase participation, enhance accessibility, and create enduring community benefits. Its dual focus on grassroots engagement and elite pathways ensures a comprehensive approach to adaptive sports, addressing the full lifecycle of an athlete while embedding inclusivity across Queensland's sporting landscape.

Through community-driven initiatives, the Centre will inspire societal change, elevate adaptive sports, and position Queensland as a global leader in accessibility and inclusion. As a model for best-practice infrastructure and programming, it will expand opportunities for people with disabilities and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

## Realising the Vision

Sporting Wheelies is uniquely equipped to lead the activation of this vision. With decades of expertise in adaptive sports, program delivery, community engagement, and allied health services, Sporting Wheelies can ensure the Centre achieves its goals while delivering meaningful outcomes statewide.

By collaborating with stakeholders, we can create a facility that not only supports the aspirations of Brisbane 2032 but also strengthens Queensland's leadership in adaptive sports, inclusion, and community empowerment. Together, we can deliver a legacy that resonates across Queensland and beyond, fostering equity, opportunity, and participation for all.

## 7. Partnerships and Operational Models

### Sporting Wheelies as a Key Partner

Sporting Wheelies is uniquely positioned to serve as the lead tenant and operational partner for the Parasport Centre, with over four decades of expertise in adaptive sports, allied health services, and community engagement. Our collaboration with the University of Queensland (UQ) on the proposed Centre for Rehabilitation and Disability Sport underscores our readiness to lead initiatives that deliver statewide impact and meet the diverse needs of Queenslanders with disabilities.

Whether at UQ or an alternative location, Sporting Wheelies is committed to ensuring the Parasport Centre achieves its full potential as a flagship facility for Brisbane 2032. Our operational focus extends beyond program delivery to creating inclusive spaces, fostering community engagement, and driving participation at all levels.

### Key Responsibilities of Sporting Wheelies:

- **Facility Activation:**
  - Coordinating training schedules, competitions, and community events to optimise usage and impact.
  - Delivering integrated allied health services, including physiotherapy, neuro-rehabilitation, and adaptive fitness programs tailored to diverse needs.
  - Acting as the central point of contact for athletes, participants, and stakeholders engaging with the Centre.
  - Ensuring all operations align with Brisbane 2032's legacy objectives, prioritising inclusivity and accessibility.
- **Statewide Outreach:**
  - Collaborating with regional stakeholders to implement best-practice accessibility standards across Queensland.
  - Delivering workshops, coaching clinics, and education sessions to regional communities, promoting inclusive participation.

- Leveraging virtual platforms to connect regional athletes with the Centre's resources, ensuring statewide equity and engagement.

## Multi-Stakeholder Governance

The successful development and operation of the Parasport Centre will rely on a collaborative governance model that integrates input from government, corporate, and community stakeholders. Transparent leadership and accountability will be essential to ensuring the Centre delivers its intended goals and supports Brisbane 2032's broader legacy objectives.

### Key Governance Components:

- **Government Partnerships:**
  - Partner with federal, state, and local governments to secure funding, align policies, and ensure infrastructure meets and exceeds accessibility standards.
  - Collaborate with planning authorities to guarantee facilities embrace best practices and innovations in accessibility and sustainability.
  - Support initiatives that position Queensland as a leader in inclusive infrastructure development.
- **Corporate Sponsors:**
  - Engage corporate partners to provide financial backing and expertise, enhancing the Centre's offerings and long-term sustainability.
  - Collaborate with industry leaders in adaptive sports technology, accessibility solutions, and allied health innovations to elevate the Centre's impact.
  - Establish multi-year sponsorship agreements to create a stable revenue base and operational excellence.
- **Community Organisations:**
  - Work with advocacy groups, sports clubs, and local organisations to align programs with community needs and priorities.
  - Actively incorporate feedback from people with disabilities and their families to ensure user-centred design and operational practices.
  - Extend engagement to regional communities, ensuring the Parasport Centre's influence reaches across Queensland and promotes inclusivity at every level.

## A Sustainable Operational Model

To ensure the Centre's viability, Sporting Wheelies advocates for an operational model that balances efficiency, accountability, and inclusivity while fostering long-term sustainability.



## Key Elements of the Operational Model:

- **Strategic Planning:**
  - Develop a comprehensive business plan with diversified revenue streams, including government funding, corporate sponsorships, and program fees.
  - Incorporate adaptive strategies to respond to evolving community needs, technological advancements, and user feedback.
- **Performance Metrics:**
  - Establish clear KPIs, such as participation rates, athlete development outcomes, and alignment with Brisbane 2032's legacy goals.
  - Regularly report progress to stakeholders to ensure transparency and build trust.
- **Adaptive Management:**
  - Conduct routine evaluations to integrate emerging best practices, address user feedback, and adapt to changing community demands.
  - Maintain operational flexibility to ensure the Centre evolves alongside advancements in the field of adaptive sports.

## Empowering a Collaborative Vision

The success of the Parasport Centre hinges on robust collaboration among stakeholders. Sporting Wheelies is committed to driving this vision, ensuring the Centre serves as a benchmark for adaptive sports infrastructure while fostering inclusivity and community impact.

By leveraging government support, corporate expertise, and community partnerships, the Parasport Centre can exceed Brisbane 2032's goals, creating a lasting legacy for Queenslanders with disabilities. Together, we can deliver a facility that empowers participation, builds community connections, and positions Queensland as a global leader in adaptive sports and inclusive practices.

## 8. Recommendations

### 1. Prioritise the Parasport Centre as a Flagship Project

- **Deliver a World-Class Facility:** Establish the Parasport Centre as a cornerstone of Brisbane 2032's legacy of inclusivity. Located in Southeast Queensland, the Centre must exemplify global standards for accessibility, multi-sport adaptability, and community engagement. It should support all levels of participation, from grassroots programs to elite athlete pathways, becoming a vibrant hub for parasport excellence and innovation.
- **Lead Legacy Planning:** Position the Parasport Centre as a pivotal infrastructure project addressing critical gaps in adaptive sports facilities. This flagship project will meet the immediate operational needs of Brisbane 2032 while delivering enduring benefits for people with disabilities and communities across Queensland.

## 2. Embed Best-Practice Accessibility in All Facilities

- **Mandate Parasport-Friendly Features:** Ensure all Brisbane 2032-related infrastructure projects, including indoor stadiums, aquatic centres, and community venues, exceed compliance standards. Key features should include wide corridors, modular court configurations, universally accessible changing rooms, sensory spaces, and athlete recovery zones.
- **Create Functional, Inclusive Spaces:** Engage people with disabilities in the design and planning process to ensure facilities are practical, welcoming, and adaptable to a wide range of needs. Incorporating lived experience will ensure facilities meet the diverse requirements of participants, spectators, and staff alike.

## 3. Support Regional Equity

- **Ensure Regional Access:** Design regional facilities to match the quality and functionality of metropolitan venues, ensuring equitable opportunities for athletes and participants statewide. Prioritise hubs in Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay, Logan, and Mackay to address long-standing regional disparities.
- **Strengthen Connectivity:** Invest in accessible transportation networks and outreach programs to link regional communities with adaptive sports infrastructure. This will ensure Brisbane 2032 fosters participation and inclusion across Queensland.

## 4. Recognise Sporting Wheelies as a Strategic Partner

- **Leverage Expertise in Adaptive Sports:** Sporting Wheelies' 40+ years of experience in adaptive sports, allied health, and community engagement uniquely position the organisation to guide infrastructure planning, activation, and program delivery.
- **Position Sporting Wheelies for Operational Leadership:** Appoint Sporting Wheelies as the lead tenant and operational partner for the Parasport Centre and other associated facilities. With appropriate resources, Sporting Wheelies can activate these spaces effectively, ensuring alignment with Brisbane 2032's participation and legacy objectives statewide.

## Achieving Brisbane 2032's Legacy Goals

These recommendations directly support the 100-Day Review's objectives to deliver the right projects in the right places with the right governance. By prioritising the Parasport Centre, embedding best-practice accessibility, promoting regional equity, and leveraging Sporting Wheelies' expertise, Brisbane 2032 will:

- Address critical gaps in Queensland's adaptive sports infrastructure.
- Empower people with disabilities to participate in sport, recreation, and community activities.
- Establish Queensland as a global leader in inclusivity and innovation.

This approach ensures Brisbane 2032 leaves an enduring legacy, creating meaningful opportunities for people with disabilities across Queensland while setting a new global benchmark for adaptive sports infrastructure and governance.

## 9. Alignment with 100-Day Review Terms of Reference

The Parasport Centre exemplifies the priorities outlined in the 100-Day Review by addressing the right projects, in the right places, with the right governance. This alignment positions the Centre as a pivotal initiative that delivers lasting benefits for Queenslanders with disabilities and the broader community.

### Right Projects

- **Addressing Infrastructure Deficits:** The Parasport Centre is a purpose-built solution to Queensland's adaptive sports infrastructure challenges. It provides universally accessible, multi-sport facilities that meet the growing demand for inclusive programs, high-performance training environments, and community-oriented spaces.
- **Driving Legacy Outcomes:** By fostering grassroots participation and elite pathways, the Centre aligns with Brisbane 2032's legacy goals. Its impact extends beyond sport, stimulating economic growth through tourism, events, and job creation, ensuring sustainable benefits.
- **Advancing Innovation:** Integrated with cutting-edge technology, the Centre will drive innovation in adaptive sports. Features such as esports platforms, virtual coaching solutions, and real-time performance analytics ensure global relevance and future-readiness.

### Right Places

- **Strategic Location:** Centrally positioned in Brisbane or a major regional hub, the Parasport Centre will maximise accessibility for athletes, spectators, and community members. Proximity to public transport and road networks ensures its role as a central resource for Southeast Queensland while supporting statewide initiatives.
- **Extending Statewide Impact:** Through virtual platforms, satellite facilities, and outreach programs, the Centre will ensure equitable benefits for regional and remote communities, fulfilling the commitment to statewide inclusivity.
- **Utilising UQ's Proposal:** The proposed "UQ Centre for Rehabilitation and Disability Sport" aligns with the Parasport Centre's vision by leveraging established aquatic and athletics venues. UQ's statewide partnerships and operational capacity provide a strong foundation for meeting accessibility and equity goals efficiently.

### Right Governance

- **Operational Leadership:** Sporting Wheelies' extensive expertise in adaptive sports, allied health, and community engagement makes the organisation the ideal operational partner. Sporting Wheelies will ensure that inclusivity, accessibility, and participation remain central to the Centre's daily operations.

- **Disability Leadership and Inclusion:** The Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority (GIICA) has a significant opportunity to model disability leadership by involving people with disabilities in all levels of planning and decision-making. This inclusive approach mitigates risks of costly oversights and showcases the value of diverse leadership, setting an example for businesses and government agencies.
- **Economic Participation:** Brisbane 2032 offers a platform to enhance the economic independence of people with disabilities. By promoting inclusive employment, accessible procurement, and targeted skill development programs, the Games can create sustainable pathways for economic participation. These initiatives will generate long-term benefits, embedding inclusivity into Queensland’s economy while advancing Brisbane 2032’s legacy goals.
- **Collaborative Governance:** A multi-stakeholder advisory board – including representatives from government, corporate sponsors, community organisations, and people with disabilities – will ensure transparent and accountable decision-making. This framework will align the Centre’s operations with Brisbane 2032’s vision and adapt to the evolving needs of the parasport community.

## Driving Inclusion and Legacy Outcomes

The Parasport Centre addresses the 100-Day Review priorities by delivering purpose-built infrastructure in an accessible location with inclusive and accountable governance. It will create lasting opportunities for people with disabilities across Queensland, positioning the state as a leader in adaptive sports and inclusive community development.

Sporting Wheelies is ready to lead this initiative, collaborating with stakeholders to ensure the Parasport Centre fulfills its potential to drive participation, equity, and legacy outcomes for Brisbane 2032 and beyond.

## 10. Conclusion

The Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games represent a transformative opportunity to embed inclusivity and accessibility across Queensland’s infrastructure, communities, and systems. By prioritising adaptive sports infrastructure, setting best-practice accessibility standards, and ensuring equitable access across the state, Brisbane 2032 can deliver a legacy that reshapes opportunities for people with disabilities.

At the heart of this vision is the Parasport Centre: a flagship facility designed to address Queensland’s critical gaps in adaptive sports infrastructure. This Centre will set new benchmarks for accessibility, innovation, and inclusivity, serving as a central hub for training, competition, community connection, and health and well-being. While Sporting Wheelies supports the proposed UQ Centre for Rehabilitation and Disability Sport as an ideal site for realising this vision, the need for such a facility must take precedence, regardless of its final location.

However, Brisbane 2032’s legacy must extend beyond a single project. It requires a cohesive, statewide approach that embeds accessibility into every venue and initiative, ensuring meaningful and lasting benefits for all Queenslanders with disabilities.

## Immediate Actions

To realise this vision, Sporting Wheelies urges the 100-Day Review team to prioritise the following actions:

- 1. Fund the Parasport Centre**  
Commit to delivering this flagship facility as a cornerstone of Brisbane 2032's legacy, setting global standards for adaptive sports infrastructure and inclusion.
- 2. Mandate Best-Practice Accessibility Standards Statewide**  
Require that all new and upgraded venues exceed compliance standards, incorporating design principles that foster inclusivity, usability, and functionality for all.
- 3. Support the Development of Regional Hubs**  
Prioritise regional centres, such as Sunshine Coast, Logan, and Mackay, as locations for accessible infrastructure, ensuring equity in opportunities for training, competition, and community participation.
- 4. Recognise Sporting Wheelies as a Strategic Partner**  
Leverage Sporting Wheelies' decades of expertise in adaptive sports, allied health, and community engagement to guide infrastructure planning, program delivery, and facility activation across Queensland.

## A Lasting Legacy for Brisbane 2032

Sporting Wheelies is ready to lead these efforts, leveraging over 40 years of experience to deliver meaningful outcomes for Queenslanders with disabilities. By combining our expertise with the collective strength of government, corporate, and community partnerships, we can create an adaptive sports ecosystem that not only meets Brisbane 2032's legacy objectives but also positions Queensland as a global leader in equity and inclusion.

This is an opportunity to redefine inclusivity and accessibility on a global stage. By addressing critical gaps, fostering statewide equity, and delivering initiatives like the Parasport Centre, Queensland can inspire future generations and create a more inclusive and connected society.

Sporting Wheelies welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the 100-Day Review team to ensure Brisbane 2032 leaves a lasting, meaningful legacy for Queensland's diverse communities.

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