
Queensland Government Response to the State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee

Report No. 6, 58th Parliament – Queensland Academy of Sport Bill 2025

Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games

1. The Queensland Government notes the State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee (the Committee) *Report No.6 – Examination of the Queensland Academy of Sport Bill 2025* (the Report) contained the following two recommendations:
 - Recommendation 1 – That the Bill be passed.
 - Recommendation 2 – That the Bill be amended to require that Board members collectively have qualifications, skills or competencies in both Olympic and Paralympic sport.
2. The Queensland Government thanks the Committee for its consideration of the *Queensland Academy of Sport Bill 2025* (the Bill).
3. The Queensland Government supports the majority of the Committee's Recommendation 2.
4. The Committee has acknowledged that the Bill enables the Minister to recommend a person for appointment as a member of the proposed Board of the Queensland Academy of Sport (the Board) if they have qualifications, skills or experience in the areas of Olympic or Paralympic sport, or another area relevant or necessary to the Board's functions.
5. However, it is noted that this does not guarantee that a person from the Olympic or the Paralympic sport areas will be appointed to the Board. Given the main purpose of the Bill and some functions of the Queensland Academy of Sport are specifically to support Queensland athletes to achieve success at the Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games, the Committee considered it crucial that there is Olympic and Paralympic Games expertise on the Board.
6. The Queensland Government considers that the term 'experience' as currently used and defined in the Bill is more appropriate than the Committee's suggested term 'competencies', and that 'experience' can encompass 'competencies'.

It is proposed that an amendment is moved during consideration in detail of the Bill to provide that the Board must have at a minimum:

- one member with Olympic qualifications, skills or experience; and
 - one member with Paralympic qualifications, skills or experience.
7. PART 3 – Board – Clause 15 – Composition subsection (4) of the Bill is considered to adequately articulate the definition of a person who has experience in Olympic or Paralympic sport, however it is noted that it may need to be reworked to better support the new minimum requirements for the Board, to acknowledge the separation of Olympic and Paralympic sports as separate industries with unique skillsets. This will also form part of the proposed amendment during consideration in detail.

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