

Queensland needs a voice in Tokyo

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The Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) supports Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk in her bid to secure Queensland to host the 2032 Olympics.

QTIC Chief Executive Daniel Gschwind says all Queenslanders should support having the most senior representation possible at the meeting of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) meeting in Tokyo, where one of the most momentous decisions affecting Queensland will be made.

“Many stakeholders in Queensland have worked diligently for years to put forward a viable plan to host the Olympics in this state in 2032.

“Federal, state and local governments and community leaders are strongly behind the bid, having gone through an assessment that concludes the games will bring significant benefits to the state and the nation.

“We have done everything possible to become the front runner in this race and the final hurdle to success is now in front of us at the Tokyo meeting.

“To show a lack of serious interest to the group of representatives of the IOC by not sending our most senior state representative, the Premier, would be an act of incomprehensible self-sabotage,” Mr Gschwind said.

Ms Palaszczuk will be joined by Brisbane’s Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner and Federal Sports Minister Richard Colbeck, with Prime Minister Scott Morrison dialling into the meeting.

The Olympic Games are estimated to contribute \$8.1bn to the Queensland economy and create an estimated 123,000 jobs across the state.

“Queensland needs to put its best foot forward and create a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to welcome the world to this beautiful state in 2032.

“If ever we needed an aspirational goal to re-engage with the rest of the world, surely it is right now,” Mr Gschwind concluded.

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