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STORY HEADLINE: International Olympic Committee elects Brisbane 2032 as Olympic and Paralympic host

LOCATION: Tokyo, Japan
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STORY SCRIPT: International Olympic Committee (IOC) Members voted today to elect Brisbane 2032 as host of the Games of the XXXV Olympiad. The secret ballot was held at the 138th IOC Session in Tokyo, two days before the Opening Ceremony for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Meeting under strict COVID-19 restrictions, IOC Members heard a final report from Kristin Kloster, Chair of the Future Host Commission for the Games of the Olympiad, and held an open discussion on Brisbane and South-East Queensland’s proposal to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2032.

After Brisbane received 72 ‘yes’ and 5 ‘no’ votes from 77 valid votes, IOC President Thomas Bach called it a “Vote of absolute trust that Brisbane and Queensland will stage a magnificent Olympic and Paralympic Games 2032. We have heard a lot of positive feedback from IOC Members and International Federations in the past few months.”

Brisbane 2032 is the first host to have been elected under the new flexible approach to electing Olympic hosts. The reforms enable the IOC to work in partnership with cities, regions and countries to encourage Olympic projects which use a high percentage of existing venues and a strong vision for legacy for local communities.

“This new approach is lighter, more collaborative, more compact and has a positive impact,” said President Bach “Brisbane are hosts fully aligned with our reforms and our Olympic Agenda 2020+5. It’s a very sustainable project, and it’s a project with a great legacy and project from a sports loving nation.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, who was part of the Brisbane 2032 presentation to Tokyo via a video link-up, said: “We know it’s a huge opportunity for our nation, just like Melbourne was in 1956 and Sydney in 2000. The 2032 Games in Queensland will have lasting legacies for our entire nation.

“We have a significant pool of Interested Parties for 2036, and even 2040,” added
President Bach. “We enter Tokyo 2020 with full confidence for the future of the Olympic Movement.”

SHOTLIST:
00:02 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language)
“The Games of the 35th Olympiad are awarded to Brisbane, Australia”

00:10 Wide shot of Brisbane 2032 delegation in Tokyo Conference room rising from seats in celebration
00:15 Mid shot of Brisbane 2032 delegation celebrating in Tokyo conference room
00:21 Shot from video link-up close of Australian PM Scott Morrison raising hands in celebration in his office, Turns to give thumbs up to camera.
00:26 Mid shot of Brisbane 2032 delegation celebrating in Tokyo
00:28 Wide in conference room in Tokyo of gathered officials watching Brisbane crowd celebrations on screen
00:31 Wide pan shot of supporters celebrating and fireworks in Brisbane
00:54 Wide behind shot in conference room as Queensland Prime Minister Anastasia Karasek collects 'Brisbane 2032 card' from President Bach
00:57 Close of Queensland Prime Minister Anastasia Parasek flipping card to show ‘Brisbane 2032’
01:02 Wide shot of IOC Vice-President John Coates standing at lectern

01:06 SOUNDBITE: John Coates, IOC Vice President (English Language)
“I believe Brisbane 2032 would deliver the ‘Together Games’. Faster, higher, stronger - together. Modernity and 136-year-old ideals together. Fun, excitement and safety, together. World class venues and affordability and sustainability together. People of all races, places and religions together, and sixteen days of Olympic Games and centuries of legacy, together. Thank you, President Bach. I proudly welcome the Prime Minister of Australia to Tokyo. Mr Prime Minister.”

01:49 Cutaway wide behind shot of conference room as Vice President Coates stands at lectern
01:52 Mid shot of IOC Vice-President John Coates

02:01 SOUNDBITE: Scott Morrison Australia Prime Minister (English Language)
“We’ve hosted the Olympic Games twice before in Melbourne in 1956, and Sydney in 2000. The Olympic ethos and values - they resonate down under. We’re an outward-looking and welcoming people. One of the most successful multicultural nations on earth. Australians come together from nearly 200 countries, we have over 300 different ethnic backgrounds and we speak over 300 different languages in our homes. We’re like a giant-sized Olympic Village all together.”

02:38 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language)
“It’s also an exciting moment for the International Olympic Committee because with Brisbane they are a host which is fully aligned with our reforms and our Olympic Agenda 2020+5. It’s a very sustainable project, and it’s a project with a great legacy and project from a sports-loving nation. and this is what it is about, to see the sports-loving Aussies celebrating the Olympic Games, I hope I can still make it until then and be there.”
03:10 SOUNDBITE: Adrian Schrinner, Brisbane Lord Mayor (English Language)
“Brisbane is a place that has been through a lot. It’s been through natural disasters and floods, but it’s always had that determined spirit and ambition. And today it is Brisbane’s time to shine. This is a new era for Brisbane, but also a new era for the Olympic Movement as well. We are so excited with this new model, the lower-cost Games, but supersizing the benefits. It’s going to be so great for our city, our region and our state.”

03:37 SOUNDBITE: Richard Colbeck, Federal Sports Minister (English Language)
This is an extraordinarily exciting time for Australia to bring the Olympics back for just the third time. We’re one of two countries who have competed in every Modern Olympic Games, we’ve competed in every Paralympic Games, we’ve competed in every Winter Olympics since 1936, with the exception of 1948. So, we have a very proud tradition. This will do an enormous amount for our athletes, to those young Australians who are sitting on their couches tonight aspiring to be an athlete, the chance to compete on home soil in Brisbane 2032 is yours.

04:15 SOUNDBITE: Anastasia Parasek, Queensland Prime Minister (English Language)
I also think that the International Olympic Committee was blown away tonight with the presentations of how beautiful our state is. And we want to welcome people back to Queensland after the pandemic and celebrate in true Queensland style. And like Richard said too, this is about all of the future, it’s about the young people sitting at home tonight dreaming that impossible dream, but these dreams can come true.”

04:44 Brisbane bid delegation holding a celebratory flag

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