Successful Games bid relies on providing a long-term legacy for the whole community

The Committee for Perth supports the Premier’s announcement to conduct a study into the feasibility of Perth submitting a bid to host the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

The Committee believes that Western Australia and its people will be able to deliver a complete experience for athletes and spectators alike, if it is successful in this bid to host the Commonwealth Games.

The Committee for Perth recently conducted on-the-ground research, which identified Barcelona and Melbourne as two exemplary models of how to successfully deliver a large scale sporting event that creates a long-term legacy for the community – and provides a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Committee for Perth CEO Marion Fulker said that Melbourne’s sporting infrastructure, which was created for the Commonwealth Games, has become a community asset which continues to benefit locals and interstate visitors alike, something Perth needs consider as well.

“There is nothing like having the world on your doorstep to get your house in order,” Mrs Fulker said.

“As the bid process may take some time and we can’t be certain of the outcome in the short-term, we need to ensure that the facilities which are already in the planning and development stages, will be delivered to a world-class standard,” she said.

According to the Committee for Perth’s research, Barcelona embarked on developing a strategic plan to define not only the Olympic Village and sporting facilities, but also the role of the city and its people in delivering an experience to athletes and spectators alike.
“It was this strategic thinking and commitment to delivery which put Barcelona on the map internationally,” Mrs Fulker said.

“It wasn’t just about the one event – Barcelona wanted to create something that would benefit the broader community, for generations to come,” she said.

Perry Lakes Stadium celebrated Perth’s debut on the world’s sporting stage 46 years ago when it was built as the venue for the 1962 Commonwealth Games. Its timely demolition and redevelopment begins the next chapter for Perth.

The Committee for Perth believes a new stadium and another successful Commonwealth Games bid could be an encore performance, showing the world that Perth has not only moved with the times, but also builds infrastructure that is lasting and beneficial to its community as a whole.

“This is our opportunity to plan, design and build facilities for the future of Perth under the watchful eyes of the world,” Mrs Fulker said.

“Our first attempt at standing in the spotlight resulted in Perry Lakes Stadium, which served the community for more than 45 years. But now we have another opportunity to create a bright and vibrant future for our city and State, and with everyone watching us, a reason to get it right,” she said.

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