



10 May 2018

The Hon. Will Hodgman MP
Premier of Tasmania

Via email: will.hodgman@dpac.tas.gov.au

Dear Premier,

The XXI Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast (Gold Coast 2018) proved to be a great success, not only as a major international sporting event but also for the memorable performances of our wonderful Australian Team.

On behalf of Commonwealth Games Australia (CGAus), I offer my sincere thanks to the Tasmanian Government for its generous support of the preparation of the Tasmanian athletes who were members of our Team. We could not have been happier with the way they represented Australia, both on and off the field of play.

As an organisation, CGAus’s thoughts now turn to Birmingham 2022 and beyond.

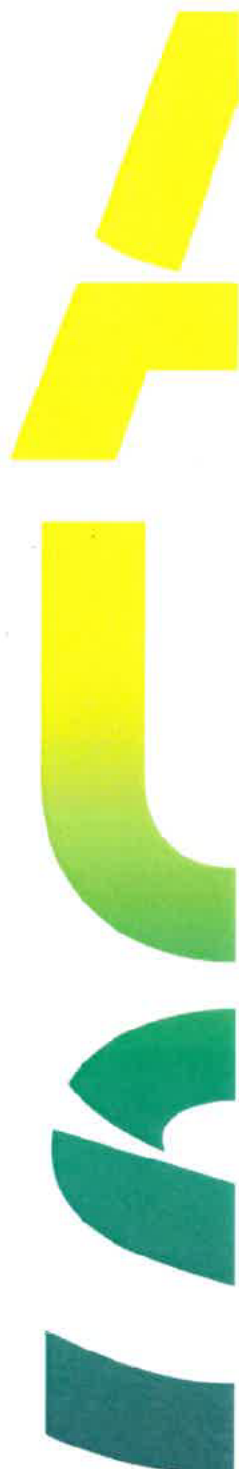
Just prior to Gold Coast 2018, the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) – the international organisation responsible for the Commonwealth Sports Movement – held its 2018 General Assembly. At this time, the CGF gave an overview of the 2026 candidature process. I attach for your reference a copy of the slide presentation which was given to the assembled Commonwealth Games Associations (CGAs).

Subsequent to Gold Coast 2018, the CGF provided additional clarity on the timing of the various phases in the 2026 candidature process. The table below outlines those timings:

Dates	Activity
April to July 2018	Dialogue Phase
31 July 2018	Expressions of interest from CGAs to be submitted up to this date
July 2018 to October 2018	Feasibility Phase
October 2018 to May 2019	Candidature Phase
May 2019 to August 2019	Evaluation
September 2019	CGF General Assembly – Games award

The 2026 candidature process will be different to previous Games. It is designed to allow a higher level of consultation between CGAs, the CGF and Governments (local, state/provincial, national) prior to organisations committing substantial resources to feasibility studies and the process of bidding.

The CGF and, in the Australian context, CGAus are committed to facilitating candidatures which ensure legacies are meaningful for the city and community chosen



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to host a future Commonwealth Games.

I now extend an invitation for the Tasmanian Government to participate in the dialogue phase of the 2026 candidature process on a non binding confidential basis. During this phase – most likely June and July - CGAus will facilitate opportunities for interested State and Territory Governments to meet with CGF representatives on an individual basis.

The level of interest from State and Territory Governments in participating in the dialogue and subsequent phases of the 2026 candidature process will determine whether CGAus submits an expression of interest to the CGF by the 31 July deadline. Our expression of interest will not be specific to any one city if, at that time, there is more than one potential candidate Australian city.

Recognising the significant contribution that State Governments make to the staging of major international sporting events in Australia, CGAus has not at this time written to any City Councils seeking their interest. You may choose to initiate these discussions with the relevant City Council or Councils in Tasmania.

May I ask, if you are interested in your Government participating in the dialogue phase, you confirm same in writing to me by no later than 31 May? I also ask that you identify your Government's primary contact for the 2026 candidature process should you choose to participate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Phillips'.

CRAIG PHILLIPS
Chief Executive Officer



2026 Host City Bid Process

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Bid Process Principles

Enhanced approach

- Reduced complexity & cost
- More engagement with candidate cities & governments
- More support

Maintains fairness & equity



Bid Process Indicative timeline

Express Interest
(from April 2018)

Dialogue Phase

- Frame opportunity
- Understand impact
- Stakeholder initial engagement

Commitment to Bid
(31 December 2018)

Feasibility Phase

- Develop Games Concept
- Test feasibility
- Align stakeholders

CGF General
Assembly

Evaluation

Candidature Phase

- Finalise Games Concept Plan
- Develop Candidate File
- Secure Guarantees and funding

CGF Support

CGF Support to CGAs

- Full process support
- Support of legacy plans
- More affordable Games
- Delivering more value
- Stakeholder alignment



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PREMIER OF TASMANIA

22 JUN 2018

Mr Craig Phillips
Chief Executive Officer
Commonwealth Games
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Dear Mr Phillips

Thank you for your letter regarding Australia's candidature for the 2026 Commonwealth Games. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

In your letter, you invite the Tasmanian Government to participate in the dialogue phase of the 2026 candidature process on a non-binding confidential basis.

The Government is not in a position to bid for the Commonwealth Games in its own right. However, we would be open to participating in the dialogue phase to determine if there are any other opportunities for Tasmania as part of the candidature process.

Tasmania has some world-class sporting facilities. If the 2026 Commonwealth Games were to be held in Australia, the Tasmanian Government would welcome the opportunity to stage pre-games tournaments and for teams to use Tasmanian facilities as a training base prior to the Games.

Please refer your correspondence for the dialogue phase of the candidature process for the Tasmanian Government to Ms Kate Kent, Executive Director Communities, Sport and Recreation. Ms Kent can be contacted by email on Kate.Kent@dpac.tas.gov.au or by phone on (03) 6270 5655.

I wish you all the best with a potential bid for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Will Hodgman'.

Will Hodgman MP
Premier



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

10 FEB 2022

Mr Craig Phillips AM
Chief Executive Officer
Commonwealth Games Australia
Email: craig.phillips@commonwealthgames.com.au

Dear Mr Phillips

We write to formally request that Tasmania be given consideration as a host State for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

We acknowledge that in 2018 the then Premier of Tasmania, the Hon. Will Hodgman MP wrote to you indicating that Tasmania is not in a position to bid for the Commonwealth Games in its own right, however, was open to participating in discussions in relation to any other opportunities for Tasmania as part of the candidature process.

A lot has changed since 2018, due largely to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the challenges during this time Tasmania has clearly demonstrated our ability to deliver elite sporting content. Hobart's Blundstone Arena recently played host to the Fifth Ashes Test. This historic Test Match gave Tasmania international exposure as a premiere destination for sporting events, against a backdrop that epitomises Australia's cultural and scenic landscape.

In 2021, Tasmania successfully hosted a record 14 AFL matches, including two Elimination Finals, and the first 20 matches of the 2021 Women's Big Bash League. Furthermore, later this year, Hobart will play host to nine ICC Men's T20 World Cup matches, further highlighting our State's ability to host major sporting events.

Tasmania has an outstanding reputation as a world class visitor destination and our ability to deliver major sporting events is well regarded nationally. We are committed to delivering more elite sporting content for Tasmanians to enjoy - and importantly, provide pathways for local sports men, women and children. Should you be open to discussions, we are confident that we can work collaboratively with Commonwealth Games Australia on the opportunities Tasmania presents as either a host or co-host of the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

I appreciate your consideration of our request and I look forward to further discussions.

Yours sincerely

Peter Gutwein MP
Premier

Jane Howlett MLC
Minister for Sport and Recreation

Hutton, Bridget

From: Kylie Peake <kylie.peake@commonwealthgames.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 11 February 2022 3:31 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: FW: Letter from the Premier of Tasmania, the Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Attachments: SPORT AND RECREATION - LETTER - PREMIER to Craig Phillips Commonwealth Games Australia regarding Commonwealth Games 2026.PDF

Categories: TO TRIAGE

Hi Leesa, thank you on behalf of Craig Phillips for the correspondence from the Premier.

Craig is currently travelling overseas and will respond formally next week. I understand that we are setting up a date for the Premier and Sports Minister to meet with Craig and Ben Houston our President on Friday, 18 February. They both look forward to the meeting.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Kylie

Kylie Peake
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From: Craig Phillips <craig.phillips@commonwealthgames.com.au>
Date: Friday, 11 February 2022 at 5:51 am

To: Kylie Peake <kylie.peake@commonwealthgames.com.au>

Subject: FW: Letter from the Premier of Tasmania, the Hon Peter Gutwein MP

Craig Phillips AM

Chief Executive Officer
Commonwealth Games Australia

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: The Premier <premier@dpac.tas.gov.au>

Date: 10/2/22 10:36 am (GMT+12:00)

To: Craig Phillips <craig.phillips@commonwealthgames.com.au>

Subject: Letter from the Premier of Tasmania, the Hon Peter Gutwein MP

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Good morning,

Please find attached a letter from the Premier, the Hon Peter Gutwein MP.

Kind regards

Leesa Grundy

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Office of the Premier, the Hon Peter Gutwein MP

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Premier

Adviser: Andrew Finch

Department: Department of Communities

Ministerial RM Ref: MIN/21/280/1

DPAC RM Ref:

Meeting Brief for the Premier

Meeting with Ben Houston, President, Craig Phillips AM, CEO and John Lamont, Manager, Government relations, Commonwealth Games Australia (CMG) [joint with Minister Howlett]

Friday, 18 February, 8.30am to 9.00am

Webex Video Conference, Level 11, 15 Murray Street, Hobart

Order of proceedings: 8.30am to 9.00am - 30 minute meeting

In attendance: Ben Houston, President, Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA)
Craig Phillips AM, CEO, Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA)
John Lamont - Manager, Government relations, Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA)
Jane Howlett MLC, Minister for Sport and Recreation
Andrew Finch, Chief of Staff, Premier's Office
Tom Cooper, Adviser, Minister's Office

Department contact: Kate Kent, Deputy Secretary, Communities, Sport and Recreation -
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On-site contact: John Lamont – § 36

Adviser: Andrew Finch – § 36

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR THE PREMIER

- Meeting is to discuss Tasmania's communication to the Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) that advised of the State's interest in bidding to host or co-host the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

KEY POINTS

- Tasmania has written to CGA CEO Craig Phillips formally registering interest to bid to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games.
- There are currently no host city bids submitted to the international Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.
- Decisions by the CGF on the successful host City are normally made eight years out from the event allowing sufficient time for planning, and suitable facilities to be constructed.
- CGA, as the national peak organisation for Australia is responsible for the endorsement and submission of host city bids to the CGF.
- Hosting the Games involves up to 72 competing Nations and will typically have between 4 000-6 000 athletes participating and with the addition of coaching, support staff and officials, up to 9 000 people would be attending.
- The revised Games format requires 15 sports or more to be contested, with only two sports that must be included in the event, Athletics and Swimming. The remaining sport are chosen by the host city.
- The State of Victoria and Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) have signed a Heads of Agreement with the GCF to formally begin an exclusive dialogue period to agree the parameters for the 2026 Commonwealth Games to be hosted in the State in South eastern Australia and it is expected to see a final deal concluded in April .
- Victoria plans to utilise facilities at regional centres such as Ballarat and Geelong to host events, with others to be held in Shepparton, the Latrobe Valley, Bendigo and their surrounding areas.

BACKGROUND

- Since its beginning in 1930, the Commonwealth Games has brought nations together in a celebration of sport and human performances. With core values of humanity, equality and destiny the Games aim to unite the Commonwealth family through sport. Renowned as the 'Friendly Games', inspiring athletes to compete in the spirit of friendship and fair play.
- Held every four years, the Games have grown from 11 countries and 400 athletes in 1930, to a total of 72 nations with an estimated 6 600 sports men and women expected to compete at Birmingham 2022. Australia is expected to send 400 athletes to the 2022 Games.
- For a city to host an event the size of the Commonwealth Games, it requires significant project management and administration, as well as many volunteers. In Birmingham it is expected 13 000 volunteers will be involved in running the Games.
- The Commonwealth Games Federation has developed a strategic roadmap to preserve the future of the Games. To assist countries with managing the costs of hosting the Commonwealth Games, the number of compulsory sports that a host will have to stage is just two, Athletics and Swimming.

- The host will then be able to choose from a list of non-compulsory sports, bringing the total number of sports for the Games to 15.
- Birmingham in 2022 will stage 20 sports including:
 - Aquatics – Diving;
 - Aquatics – Swimming & Para Swimming;
 - Athletics & Para Athletics;
 - Badminton;
 - Basketball 3x3 & Wheelchair Basketball 3x3;
 - Beach Volleyball;
 - Boxing;
 - Cricket T20;
 - Cycling – Mountain Bike, Road Race, Time Trial, Track & Para Track;
 - Gymnastics – Artistic & Rhythmic;
 - Hockey;
 - Judo;
 - Lawn Bowls & Para Lawn Bowls;
 - Netball;
 - Rugby Sevens;
 - Squash;
 - Table Tennis & Para Table Tennis;
 - Triathlon and Para Triathlon;
 - Weightlifting & Para Powerlifting; and
 - Wrestling.
- Durban, South Africa, was chosen to host the 2022 but was stripped of this role after failure to meet the agreed milestone requirements to host the event.
- Tasmania's cooler temperate climate would mean the March/April date would suit best if it were to host the Games.
- Tasmania has few sporting facilities for possible Commonwealth Games sports that would meet current international competition standards and does not have an existing facility that would cater for the number of people that would be anticipated to attend key events such as Opening and Closing ceremonies and major event finals.
- The cost to host the 2018 Gold Coast Games was reported to be \$1.86 billion.
- \$1.286 billion was spent on running the Games, while \$577 million was invested on building the infrastructure and facilities needed to successfully host the Games. The forecasted boost to Queensland's Gross State Product was estimated at \$2 billion.

