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Mr Timothy Shriver PhD
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Dear Mr Shriver,

Special Olympics World Games Perth 2027 | Letter of Support

Over recent months I have become familiar with the desire for Perth to bid to host the Special Olympics World Games in Perth in 2027 and have recently been fortunate enough to meet with Tanya Brown, Director Special Olympics Australia and others to receive a briefing on the proposal.

SportWest is the peak body for sport in Western Australia, representing over 120 different sporting organisations, including the vast range of State Sporting Associations who are the governing bodies for each of their respective sports in the State. I write in full support of this bid and to extend my excitement of the prospect of Perth being the host city to such an incredible event.

SportWest is currently redeveloping a communication, training and education platform called 'True Sport' which aims to become the driving force in the State for sport on all matters relating to inclusion, safety and wellbeing. This initiative is closely aligned to the ambitions of the Special Olympics in that we view participation in sport as being a basic human right and aim to remove barriers to participation for the entire community.

As we know, Sport has the power to shape and transform the lives of participants, volunteers, officials and families involved. The social, physical and mental benefits are well research and documented. People with an intellectual disability should have the same opportunities to benefit from sport and hosting an event such as the World Games would provide Australia, and in particular Western Australia an opportunity to transform how we include people with intellectual disabilities and create a legacy for future generations.

I strongly commend the Special Olympics World Games and offer SportWest's full support in achieving the ambition of hosting the World Games in Perth in 2027.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Fulton'.

Matt Fulton
CEO

Cc: Tanya Brown, Director Special Olympics Australia