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COMMONWEALTH GAMES - BRISBANE 1982

The Commonwealth Government will make a grant of \$10 million towards the costs of staging the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane.

The grant will allow the Queensland Government in association with the Brisbane City Council and the Commonwealth Games Foundation to have the maximum flexibility in determining expenditure priorities between sporting facilities and accommodation for competitors. This would be consistent with the Commonwealth's policy of co-operative federalism.

The \$10 million contribution is significantly higher than assistance given towards the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, and the 1962 Perth Commonwealth Games.

Following the provision in the August Budget of \$1 million for sports development and assistance, and the establishment of a Sports Advisory Council, this grant is a further recognition by the Commonwealth Government of the importance of sport to the Australian community.

The Commonwealth is pleased to join with the Queensland State Government, the Brisbane City Council and the Commonwealth Games Foundation in contributing to a sporting event which will be of interest to all Australians. The announcement of a grant at this time will enable the planning for the Games to proceed with confidence.