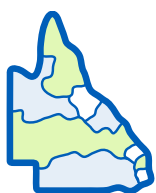




# Environmental management



## About GIICA

The Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority (GIICA) is building 17 new and upgraded venues that Queenslanders will enjoy for generations, as we set the stage for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

GIICA is committed to delivering world-class venues with lasting benefits, while protecting the environment, respecting historical and cultural heritage, and engaging with local communities and stakeholders.

## Managing environmental impacts

GIICA's assurance processes ensure that potential planning and environmental impacts associated with its venues are clearly understood with mitigation and monitoring measures in place. GIICA follows a proactive, risk based assurance approach aligned with industry best practice, with environmental management requirements in place for all construction activities.

## Assurance and risk management for venue delivery

GIICA's assurance processes are grounded in a comprehensive risk management framework to plan and deliver venues responsibly, managing and mitigating the impacts of development. Key activities include:

- identifying environmental risks and assessing impacts
- ensuring compliance with relevant legislation
- understanding the controls required to mitigate environmental impacts

- integrating environmental considerations into planning, design, construction, commissioning and handover phases
- ensuring contractors establish clear plans which outline how they will meet environmental requirements.

## Stakeholder engagement

Stakeholder engagement helps inform GIICA's planning, development and assurance processes. This ranges from engagement with venue-specific stakeholders and user groups, Traditional Custodians, First Nations people, as well as a wide range of local, state and federal government agencies, departments, regulatory and sporting bodies. GIICA engages with the community throughout the planning and delivery of venues, including consultation opportunities on venue design and legacy outcomes.

## Technical considerations

GIICA investigates and mitigates a range of potential impacts as part of venue design and delivery. These include:

- disturbance to vegetation and fauna habitat
- historical and cultural heritage
- impacts on surface water quality, including through erosion and sediment runoff
- impacts on groundwater quality and levels

- noise and vibration
- air quality, including dust
- waste, such as spoil and construction materials
- changes to traffic, public transport, access and community facilities
- disturbance of existing contaminated soil.

## What legislative framework applies to the development of GIICA venues?

GIICA's venues program is being planned and delivered in accordance with the *Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021* (BOPGA Act). This Queensland Act established GIICA as an independent authority and supports timely and streamlined delivery of the Games venues. Beyond the requirements of the Act, GIICA undertakes detailed planning, design, technical analysis and investigations to inform the delivery of each venue and minimise impacts.

GIICA is also subject to the *Queensland Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* and *Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003*. Select venues are subject to conditions applied under the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), which provides for the protection of matters of national environmental significance.

## Construction management

Management plans will be developed for each venue, that set out how potential construction impacts will be managed during project delivery. Based on technical assessments for each venue, key areas that may be addressed in the management plans include:

- noise and vibration
- First Nations cultural heritage
- historical heritage
- air quality and dust suppression



- waste management
- vegetation and fauna protection
- contamination and spills
- community feedback, enquiry and complaint management.

Contractors are required to establish a suite of additional management plans including construction, sustainability, traffic and transport, and incident and emergency response management plans.

GIICA takes a proactive approach to minimising impacts to trees, open spaces and natural vegetation wherever possible and for as long as possible.

## Site investigations

Prior to or during main construction activities at each venue, GIICA may undertake site studies or investigations. These help inform environmental assessments, design, and construction activities, and can include historical and cultural heritage surveys, ecological studies, ground condition surveys, or contamination investigations.

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