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Australia plays host to INAS Global Games

Australia will host the world's largest elite sporting event for intellectually impaired athletes in Brisbane over the coming week.

The 2019 INAS Global Games will be held on 12–19 October with around 1,200 elite athletes with an intellectual impairment from around 80 countries expected to participate.

The Morrison Government has delivered \$2 million towards staging this major international sporting event.

Minister for Youth and Sport Richard Colbeck said the Government is proudly backing the Games, which represents the peak of sporting achievement for athletes with intellectual impairment.

“The athletes competing here are simply inspirational and demonstrate what amazing achievements are possible with hard work, dedication and a commitment to fair play.

“For many athletes, competing at the INAS Global Games is a dream come true and it is an important platform for athletes striving for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics.

“Australia is strongly placed to win a swag of medals and I have no doubt the Games will inspire the next generation of Australians, particularly those with an intellectual impairment, to stay active, healthy and get involved in sport.”

The Government's national Sport 2030 plan is to ensure that every Australian 'at all stages of their life regardless of gender, ability or ethnicity, and no matter where they live, is able to undertake the exercise they need and want in a safe, fun and inclusive way, whether it is through sport or other types of activity'.

Sport 2030 also focuses on the strategic and coordinated delivery of major sporting events in Australia to grow the \$12 billion Australian sport industry and the 220,000 jobs it currently supports.

This is the first time the INAS Global Games will be staged in Australia and athletes will compete in 10 internationally sanctioned sports – athletics, basketball, cricket, futsal, road cycling, rowing, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo and tennis.

The International Federation for Athletes with Intellectual Impairments (INAS) is the recognised international sporting body for athletes with intellectual impairments.

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