


Mr David Limbrick MLC
Chair, Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid
Parliament House, Spring Street
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By email: 

Dear Mr Limbrick

I refer to your letter dated 6 October 2023 inviting me to give evidence before the Select Committee. I have considered carefully whether to accept the invitation to appear and advise that I decline it.

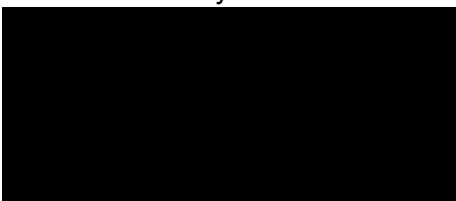
In considering whether to appear before the Committee, I have had regard to the well-established principle that the independence of both Houses of Parliament means that a committee cannot claim authority over a member of the other House.

In a context where the matters that I would be questioned about relate solely to my role as Premier and a member of the Legislative Assembly, this limitation must persist following my resignation. My appearance would undermine the very purpose of the principle and therefore, the independence of each House.

The Attorney General has also advised me of the Victorian Government's claim that information in a number of classes is protected from disclosure by executive privilege, and that the Select Committee has no power to compel the disclosure of information in those classes.

Having regard to these matters, I have come to the view that I have a responsibility to act in accordance with established principle and should not appear before the Select Committee.

Yours sincerely



Hon Daniel Andrews

16 October 2023

Encl. Letter from the Attorney General dated 16 October 2023