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# 1988 IN MELBOURNE

XXIVTH OLYMPIAD

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2nd March, 1981

His Excellency,  
M. Juan Antonio Samaranch,  
President,  
International Olympic Committee,  
Chateau De Vidy, 1007  
Lausanne  
SUISSE

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Invitation Committee for the Olympic Games for Melbourne, it is with regret and disappointment that I must advise you that the Committee has been unable to obtain the necessary guarantees from the Australian and Victorian Governments to enable it to proceed with its application for the 1988 Olympic Games.

The basis of rejection was essentially one of finance and, in particular, cash flow. While the Invitation Committee's estimates indicated that a satisfactory net financial outcome could be achieved it was not able to find sufficient revenues in the time available to cover the temporary deficits incurred in the initial construction period.

I would like to convey to you our appreciation of the assistance and support given to the Invitation Committee by the International Olympic Committee members in Australia, Mr. David McKenzie and Mr. Kevin Gosper. I would also like you to be aware of the support given over such a long period to the Committee by the Australian Olympic Federation.

It is extremely disappointing that with the expertise and enthusiasm developed over the last three years we cannot proceed at this stage. However, a great deal has been achieved and there is a clear desire by the people of Melbourne to host the Olympic Games at some time in the future. To this end the Invitation Committee will start again from the beginning and work towards a successful bid in 1992.

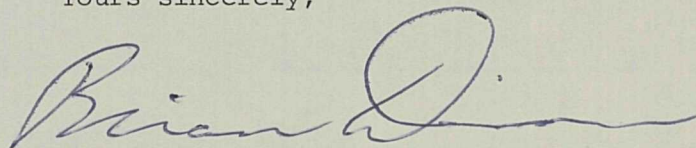
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I have enclosed for your information and the International Olympic Committee Archives a copy of what would have been the basis of the Melbourne invitation had it proceeded.

I wish you and the International Olympic Committee success and offer you the full support of the Olympic Games for Melbourne Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brian Dixon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian Dixon, M.P.  
Chairman,  
Melbourne Invitation Committee



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24th November, 1980.

Madame M. Berlioux,  
Director,  
International Olympic Committee,  
Chateau de Vidy,  
1007 LAUSANNE,  
SWITZERLAND.

Dear Madame Berlioux,

Ref. No. 9197/80.

re: CANDIDATURE FOR THE GAMES OF THE XXIVTH OLYMPIAD IN 1988

Thank you for your letter of 29th October acknowledging the application by the City of Melbourne to host the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad in 1988.

You have mentioned that relevant documents will be forwarded in the near future. In view of the long break which occurs from mid-December until mid-January during the Christmas period in this Country, it would be most helpful for this Federation to have the documentation as soon as possible.

We will, therefore, leave it in your capable hands.

With thanks and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Julius L. Patching)  
Honorary Secretary-General.





Colon Hall, Melbourne.

Lord Mayor's Room

Monte-Carlo, le 13 octobre 1980

Madame M. BERLIOUX

Director

COMITE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIQUE

La Ville de Melbourne, dans l'Etat Australien du Victoria, sera candidate pour les Jeux d'Eté des XXIV-èmes Olympiades.

Les Représentants du futur Comité d'Organisation seraient très honorés de votre présence au cocktail qu'ils offrent à l'Hôtel LOEWS le 15 octobre 1980, à 18h00, dans le Salon Grand Prix A.

Nous espérons avoir le plaisir de vous y accueillir.

A stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of connected loops and a final downward stroke.

Robert J.N. SANDERS

Délégué de l'Etat du Victoria  
à Paris.

R.S.V.P.

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Salon Naiade A

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