

Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024

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The Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill falls short on delivering benefits for certain areas of Queensland and particularly in those areas that are safe LNP seats and west of Ipswich. We believe there are many opportunities in the areas west that can and should be leveraged to make the Games better as well as create opportunities for the peoples located in the following electorates: Lockyer Valley, Nanango, Toowoomba South, Toowoomba North, Condamine, Warrego, Southern Downs, Callide, Gregory. These electorates have much to offer in many ways and we would like to see them included in future discussions. I believe they add value in the following areas: Tourism---Many nature based activities, mountain bike tracks, National Parks, wine growing areas, cultural and Indigenous products including the Songline projects which will be an on country experience. Food--we can be the food bowl to produce the food that the Villages will require. Sport--- there should be a legacy piece to upgrade many of the existing regional sporting facilities in the above regions. Health---we have capacity within proximity to the major population centres to cover health requirements. Volunteering---source and advertise within these regions...make it accessible for them to get there and have their input. We want to be able to host teams, media and support crews before and after the games. We must be included in all advertising about the games and we need certain infrastructure upgraded including fast rail to Brisbane from Withcott and the Warrego Highway upgraded. This region must be included.