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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.51 pm): What an interesting day this is. It started off fantastically with the great win from the parliamentary country touch team. Go country! That is five years in a row. It was at the mighty Suncorp Stadium, but thanks to those over there we now have to call it Brisbane Stadium (Lang Park).

Let us talk about other stadiums. We know that no-one has confidence in this incompetent Palaszczuk Labor government to deliver the Commonwealth Games venues on time. Now we have learned of another delay of a vital games venue—the Suns' wing of the Carrara sports centre, part of the \$126 million Commonwealth Games precinct. Remember this was the venue that was originally going to be finished last month, in October 2016, but in estimates the Commonwealth Games minister said that that was being pushed back.

The LNP has always known it is the unions that decide when these venues will be finished and handed over. This government certainly does not have the stomach to stand up to its union mates. That is why during estimates this year I asked the Minister for State Development whether there would be any delays in delivering these facilities. The Minister for State Development did not want to answer the question and hid behind his director-general, who assured me that all the venues would be delivered on time and that the only one that had lost hours due to union action was Carrara. What have we found out now? More delays are on the cards. I table an article from AAP titled 'Union blamed for delay to Suns' new training facility'.

Tabled paper: Article from afl.com.au, dated 8 November 2016, titled 'Union blamed for delay to Suns' new training facility' [2027].

The Suns were hopeful of moving back in in October, as promised. Then they thought it would be November, but now it has been pushed out by a further two months due to union activity. This is what the Suns' CEO, Andrew Travis, said of the situation—

Our ideal scenario was that we would be completely moved in for day one of preseason but the broader project has slipped back. It is due to the CFMEU situation. We have been caught up in that without any ability to influence it.

That is what the CEO of the Suns said about this incompetent government. This is unacceptable given that several LNP shadow ministers raised this issue during estimates. This is an incompetent Labor government which is beholden to its union mates and obviously will not be delivering the Commonwealth Games venues on time.