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Queensland Cricket

 **Mr RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (2.37 pm): We do not just like cricket; we love it. With over 230,000 Queenslanders playing cricket this year, we can see why. In fact, Queensland is leading the country in the growth in the game of cricket, with an overall increase of 60 per cent in the number of cricket players since 2010. In the Moreton cricket region, of which the Morayfield state electorate forms a part, there is a total of almost 20,000 people playing cricket—an extraordinary number. Certainly, cricket is a very popular sport in the Morayfield electorate.

It was a real pleasure to attend the recent trophy presentation of the Burpengary Brumbies cricket club last weekend. With the incredible success of the Women's Big Bash League, the number of females playing cricket in Queensland continues to increase. In Queensland, one in every four people playing cricket is female and with four Queenslanders picked recently for the Southern Stars team—Australia's Twenty20 team, which competed in the recent Twenty20 World Cup in India—the future is very bright for Queensland cricket.

I congratulate Queenslanders Holly Ferling, Jess Jonassen and Beth Mooney on an outstanding result for the Southern Stars, who just went down to the West Indies by one run in the World Cup final a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, the other Queenslanders picked for the Southern Stars, Grace Harris, had been ruled out with injury. We wish Grace a very speedy recovery. Whilst the Australian men's Twenty20 World Cup team did not quite make the finals this year, we are nonetheless very proud of their efforts and congratulate them on their performance.

With the 2016 Twenty20 World Cup in India now all done and dusted, the focus now turns to the next Twenty20 World Cup. The 2020 Twenty20 World Cup will be held in Australia and it is expected to be a massive event. The stats for the 2015 Cricket World Cup in Australia were mind blowing. It was watched by over 1.5 billion people worldwide and broadcast in 212 countries and over one million people attended games in Australia. It delivered a huge economic benefit to Australia, with more than \$1.1 billion of direct expenditure, over 8,000 jobs and almost 300,000 visitors from overseas or interstate. In 2020 Australia has the opportunity to do it again in the fastest growing, most exciting format of the game. The 2020 Twenty20 World Cup in Australia will be huge and there is a great opportunity for Queensland, Brisbane and our famous cricket ground, the Gabba, to benefit from the 2020 Twenty20 World Cup as a host city.