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### **BRISBANE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES ARRANGEMENTS BILL 2021**

 **Mr TANTARI** (Hervey Bay—ALP) (11.26 am), continuing: I wish to finish my contribution to this debate. With the granting of the games, our venues like the enhanced Gabba and infrastructure like Cross River Rail, utilising trains built by workers in the Fraser Coast region, in particular Maryborough, will make our capital city the envy of the nation and elevate Brisbane to the world city status she deserves. I note that many speakers in this debate have asked what is in it for the regions. In the regions, infrastructure utilised by visiting teams and athletes will enhance regional areas as places for individuals to work, live and play, all the while having access to state-of-the-art facilities, whatever their chosen pursuit or passion.

The world media's attention alone will promote the Fraser Coast region to the world, particularly with K'gari as its centrepiece. Our cultural history, many thousands of years in time, will be on display so that our country and the world will be better able to understand its significance and appreciate its diversity. May I say—and I am sure the member for Maryborough will agree—that a new facility or two may need to be developed in our region to accommodate this enormous interest leading up to and beyond the games. The world media's attention will be on Brisbane and our regions for the next 11 years. That is priceless and that is the consequence of Premier Palaszczuk having the forethought to lead the charge with leaders to win the games. Again, they should be congratulated for showing leadership in the face of criticism from many opposed to the games.

As a member of the committee that oversaw this bill, my understanding was that submitters were generally welcoming of the bill and made a broad range of suggestions that the committee deliberated on. The committee has made seven recommendations. Five of the seven recommendations have been accepted by government. One recommendation will be the subject of an amendment in consideration in detail. It will deal with the government's concerns around federal members being exempt from crime and corruption scrutiny. One recommendation is supported in principle but is deemed not to be necessary.

I thank the committee for its deliberations on this bill, ably led by the committee chair, the member for Logan, and the committee deputy chair, the member for Mermaid Beach. I also mention the magnificent work done by the committee secretariat, led by the wonderful and tolerant, Ms Lucy Manderson. I do not know how she does it, particularly with the motley crew she has to deal with. She is always professional and responsive and on the mark. Well done to her.

With this bill and the setting up of the Brisbane Organising Committee for the games, a golden era of jobs growth and economic stimulus has commenced for our state including for our regions. Our strong health response was at the forefront of this win. Our strong economic future—jobs now, jobs tomorrow and jobs for the next two decades—is the beneficiary of our leadership. I support the bill before the House.