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BRISBANE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES ARRANGEMENTS BILL 2021

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (2.41 pm): I rise in support of the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Bill 2021. The Olympics—the most iconic global sporting event in modern history—are coming to Queensland, with 28 Olympic sports, 22 Paralympic sports and 29 days of competition over four weeks. They will be broadcast across the globe to roughly 200 nations and reach a global audience of more than five billion people. This will be absolutely magnificent.

Hosting the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games has never been simply about the weeks of competition. Much more than sporting competitions between the best athletes in the world, the games are an amazing opportunity to showcase Queensland and everything we have to offer. The 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games will be transformative events for our entire state. I am incredibly proud that as a government we are committed to ensuring an inclusive games for all Queenslanders, with the benefits to be shared right across our great state.

The games will provide an opportunity to accelerate the delivery of sustainable growth, particularly across the South-East Queensland region. The games will drive investment, create jobs, drive new skills and boost industry supply chains across every one of our job-creating sectors—like construction, manufacturing and tourism, to name a few. They are a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to showcase what we already know to be true—that our great state is a premier global destination to live, work and invest. The games are an opportunity to accelerate and amplify everything from healthy and active community initiatives to arts and culture, sustainability initiatives, tourism, trade and local business opportunities.

For our local community of Ipswich, this means the brand new Brighton Homes Arena at Springfield Central is at the start line to host the modern pentathlon. This diverse display of fencing, swimming, horseriding, shooting and running will attract athletes, officials, supporters and spectators from around the world. In all, the \$70 million Springfield Central facility will welcome up to 10,000 people, and it is set for completion in September next year. It will be home to the premiership winning Brisbane Lions AFLW team and includes the development of a high-performance training and support centre for both the men's and women's teams. We have already invested \$18 million in this landmark local project, which is delivering jobs as well as improving our local civic amenity.

A little further afield, our neighbour the Scenic Rim will host rowing and canoeing at the Wyaralong Flatwater Centre. This is South-East Queensland's newest dam. The \$348 million project is proudly publicly owned and is one of Scenic Rim's most popular destinations for recreational tourists.

While our venues will be showcased to 200 nations and an audience of more than five billion people worldwide, the 2032 Olympics and Paralympics also mean a huge boost for our local businesses. Already the team at Skylihter Fireworks and their workers from Redbank Plains in my community have played an important part. When we celebrated one of the biggest moments in our state's history on 21 July this year with the official awarding of the games, it was Skylihter which coloured the night as crowds gathered at South Bank and Broadbeach.

Of course, it also means celebrating the success of our next generation of sports stars. At the recent Ipswich Sports Awards, I had the pleasure of catching up with some of our Tokyo athletes: Redbank Plains weightlifter Erika Yamasaki, Paralympic archer Taymon Kenton-Smith and dual gold medallist swimmer Mollie O'Callaghan. In Tokyo we were also represented by swimmer Leah Neale, boxer Paulo Aokuso, race walker Dane Bird-Smith and of course the women's world No. 1 tennis player, Ash Barty. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate her on her recent engagement to her long-time partner, Garry Kissick. They all have a proud association with our great sporting city, and another chapter of our community's proud history will be written at the Brisbane 2032 games.

The benefits of these games are enormous and cannot be overstated. The 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games are forecast to generate enormous benefits, not just for Queensland but for our entire nation. There will be increased tourism and trade estimated at around \$4.6 billion for Queensland and \$8.5 billion nationally. They will create approximately 91,600 full-time-equivalent jobs in Queensland and almost 123,000 FTEs across the nation. There will be \$3.5 billion in social benefits to Queensland and \$9.11 billion nationally, including improvements in health and community connectedness. We will have a 10-year pipeline of construction jobs, trade and investment opportunities, and legacy projects that will benefit Queensland for decades to come.

The bill establishes the Brisbane organising committee for the games as an independent statutory body with a board of directors overseeing its operations. I am particularly pleased to see that the bill enshrines diversity in the board, including a requirement that at least 50 per cent of directors are female and at least one director is First Nations.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned businesses contribute more than \$1 billion a year to the national economy, with revenues growing on average at 12.5 per cent annually. For every dollar of revenue, Indigenous businesses create over \$4 of economic and social value and are 30 times more likely to offer employment to other First Nations people. October was Indigenous Business Month and also marked the start of a 10-year opportunity in the lead-up to and beyond the 2032 Olympics. We want to ensure Indigenous businesses are best positioned to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime event and can tap into opportunities to supply their goods and services pre and post the Olympic Games.

Transport infrastructure required to support the games will be first and foremost designed to meet the needs of Queensland's growing population. Our proposal was based on upgrades and expansion of public transport infrastructure already planned and underway. Discussions are occurring between funding partners to examine opportunities to bring forward additional transport infrastructure in time for 2032.

Speaking of funding partners, it is incredibly disappointing that the federal government has not committed to its share of funding the next stage of the proposed Ipswich to Springfield rail loop. The Ipswich City Council has stumped up \$500,000. The state government has put \$1 million cash on the barrel head, but it was absolutely shameful that in this year's federal budget, the federal government could not find \$1 million to contribute to this important project for our city.

We are well on the way to being a global renewable superpower. The games will be a perfect opportunity to ensure that we continue to win gold. Our renewables and renewable hydrogen will power our preparation for the games, and the games themselves, as we create more jobs in more industries through cleaner and cheaper power on our way to the most sustainable Olympics ever. They are a catalyst to enhance social, economic and environmental outcomes for our state and to deliver long-term, statewide benefits to all Queenslanders. They will supercharge our safe and strong recovery and they will be a defining chapter in the history of our great state.

These games will be a games for all Queenslanders and will leave a lasting legacy of sustainability, social support and business success. I commend the bill to the House.