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## ADJOURNMENT

### Beenleigh, 2032 Olympic Games

 **Mrs McMAHON** (Macalister—ALP) (7.21 pm): There is excitement growing in our sporting communities in Logan. Logan has been one of the participating councils in the SEQ 2032 games bid from the beginning. With Queensland gaining preferred bidder status for the Olympics, you can see the dream in our kids' eyes. I know the Premier has mentioned a number of times that Logan could host the boxing, and she even had the support of professional boxer Jeff Horn in her corner during this announcement, but in Logan the traditional home of boxing has to be Beenleigh. Whether it is our up-and-coming boxers at the Beenleigh PCYC all the way through to our Olympic boxing royalty, the Nicolsons, boxing and Beenleigh go hand in glove.

I know Logan City Council has already put forward the thriving metropolises of Greenbank and Flagstone in its initial planning discussions, but I want to remind Logan City Council that there is a significant part of Logan to the east of the Logan River, and in Beenleigh we are primed and ready for inclusion. Beenleigh sits along the M1, with the significant upgrades to the north of us already underway and funded. Beenleigh sits on the Beenleigh-Gold Coast heavy rail line and is the key interchange between Brisbane and the Gold Coast. The upgrade to the train line is already on the Infrastructure Australia map and station upgrades are a part of it, so public transport to any proposed venue in Beenleigh is sorted. As for hotel stock, being conveniently located between Brisbane and the Gold Coast means that we are within easy travel distance to either of these large accommodation hubs.

In Beenleigh we are ready. We are a township in our own right. We have the services, the infrastructure and the population to support a venue of Olympic proportions. In fact, Beenleigh stands ready, waiting for the investment and the opportunity as our location means that any venue would have the long-lasting legacy for our CBD and businesses and a venue in no danger of becoming the white elephants that we so often see as remnants of Olympic cities. I point to the Logan City Council's own destination management plan which identifies the need for a convention centre styled facility which would host events and draw crowds not only from Logan but also from Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Beenleigh is a city earmarked for growth. The council's own planning scheme and the various master plans drafted over the last few decades point to this. I urge council not to ignore the eastern part of Logan. There are 33 Olympic sports that Queensland can showcase in 2032 and I challenge it to find a better fit for boxing in Logan than Beenleigh. Transport planning is the key to any successful major international event on this scale. In Logan when it comes to ease of access and when it comes to boxing and our sporting futures, I am backing Beenleigh and I urge the council to do the same.