



Speech By  
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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, The Gabba; Infrastructure Projects**

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning) (9.48 am): It was fantastic to join the Premier, the Treasurer and the Minister for Sport this morning at the Gabba. The Gabba has been home to Queensland sport since 1895. That is 126 years of Queensland wins, losses and celebrations. Becoming the home of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games would see an upgraded 50,000-seat stadium and construction of a pedestrian plaza to the Gabba station, taking this much loved home ground to new heights. The Olympics would play a significant role in our economic recovery in Queensland. It would support a 10-year pipeline of jobs, including thousands of jobs in construction building supporting and legacy infrastructure. It will also fast-track infrastructure to support our growing population.

Vital infrastructure projects will stimulate the economy, sustain the construction industry and provide for the future growth of Queensland. We are backing projects across the state to unlock land supply and employment opportunities. A great example of this investment is the construction of new road and bridge infrastructure along Binnies Road West in the Ripley Valley Priority Development Area. This \$7 million upgrade was funded under a catalyst infrastructure agreement and saw the construction of 1.5 kilometres of subarterial road, bridge and cycleway. This major road upgrade will open up Ripley Valley. This will ensure that infrastructure keeps pace with development as well as population and community growth throughout the southern corridor of Ipswich. In real terms, it will provide Queenslanders with access to an additional 3,300 affordable residential lots. The road will eventually connect several land holdings, including Aurora, Cadence Estate, Ripley Valley Estate and Montereia Estate. In the future it will also connect residents to schools, shopping, recreational facilities and employment hubs throughout the area. It has supported more than 40 jobs during construction.

This government is committed to unlocking land supply and accelerating more infrastructure projects like Binnies Road West. Projects like this one are stimulating Queensland's economic recovery, creating jobs and helping to build more well planned communities—future communities where Queenslanders want to live and can afford to live and raise their families.