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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning) (9.42 am): The Premier and the Minister for Sport are hard at work to secure the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games. If Brisbane is successful, it will ensure a 10-year pipeline of construction industry jobs, trade and investment opportunities, and legacy projects that will benefit Queenslanders for decades to come. Perhaps most importantly, it will align all levels of government in the south-east working towards the same plan and objective.

Thanks to our infrastructure investments, the region is already on track to have much of the infrastructure we will need. That means ticketholders will be able to get to venues and around the region with ease thanks to major projects such as Cross River Rail. In fact, our investment in the \$5.4 billion Cross River Rail will transform the region, with three new inner-city stations and associated new precincts being constructed. With the population in the south-east forecast to grow from 3.5 million to 4.9 million people in 2036, better transport connectivity is crucial to link these high-growth residential and employment areas. This government's forward thinking and investment in Brisbane has led the delivery of such infrastructure.

We are planning for infrastructure not just in Brisbane but also throughout the state. The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning has begun developing a new State Infrastructure Strategy, which will be supported by seven regional infrastructure plans to further strengthen and catalyse regional economic recovery and infrastructure planning and delivery. The new State Infrastructure Strategy will provide a long-term vision to drive growth, attract private sector investment and create jobs for Queenslanders. The strategy will discuss the important role of investment in both economic and social infrastructure in building community resilience. The regional infrastructure plans will recognise the important role infrastructure plays in regional economic recovery, resilience, growth and livability. These will be developed to reflect each region's unique strengths and opportunities to help identify and prioritise regionally significant infrastructure needs. A series of workshops is currently being held around the state to inform these plans. Brisbane is the place to be now, in 2032 and well beyond.