




Speech By
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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure) (9.43 am): Hosting the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games will forever change Queensland. Not only will it generate \$8 billion in economic and social benefits, in addition to 91,600 jobs, but it will also kickstart a pipeline of infrastructure projects with lasting legacies, including new and refurbished sporting infrastructure. While the talk of the town might be the marquee venues like the Gabba and the proposed Brisbane Live, we are also determined to ensure the entire region benefits from new and expanded facilities. We are now working to ensure we can maximise our Olympic investment to create more economic opportunities across the region.

I am pleased to advise the House today that I have approved a ministerial infrastructure designation for the Sunshine Coast Stadium expansion. This Sunshine Coast Regional Council project will create an estimated 308 direct and indirect jobs and add more than \$100 million to the local economy. The expansion will see room for almost 5,000 more fans at the Bokarina stadium and will attract and enable more local, regional, state and national sporting events there. It will also see upgrades to lockers and change room areas, kitchen amenities, corporate spaces, and media and commentary facilities.

I am glad I have been able to facilitate this development through the ministerial infrastructure designation process. The council has considered things like the traffic impacts associated with the stadium and transport management plans. I want to thank the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and Mayor Mark Jamieson for their vision and for their work in seeking feedback from key stakeholders and surrounding residents. The development will add significant value to the region and be a catalyst for economic growth, providing increased tourism activity as well as supporting a growing localised sports economy.