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BRISBANE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES ARRANGEMENTS BILL

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure) (12.07 pm): If you love Brisbane and Queensland like I do, it is hard not to be incredibly excited about the decade ahead of us. I remember how the Commonwealth Games and Expo changed our city and our region, and an Olympics will change our city even more.

Our strong health response has put us in the box seat to deliver a great 2032 games. It is one of the reasons we were so well-placed to bid for the games. While the rest of the world was battling the pandemic we were able to focus on the future and win the hosting rights. Australia is only the second country after the United States to host the summer games in three different cities: Melbourne, 1956, and Sydney in 2000. Hosting the 2032 games will forever change Brisbane and Queensland just like it did those cities. We will join a list that will go: Tokyo, Paris, Los Angeles and then Brisbane.

We are not a sleepy country town anymore and we certainly will not be one in 2032. We are currently working with businesses right across the state to make sure the Olympics are a great success and that we create as many jobs as we can in every corner of the state. It will create \$8 billion in economic and social benefits, 91,600 jobs and kickstart a pipeline of infrastructure projects with lasting legacies, including new and refurbished sporting infrastructure. It will accelerate long-term regional priority projects such as transport infrastructure for a better connected and productive state. It will align the games with national, state and regional plans and investments across three levels of government for infrastructure, community facilities, capacity and capability. It will build on our existing infrastructure investments such as the \$5.4 billion Cross River Rail and five new and upgraded stations plus design contracts now awarded for the Pimpama, Merrimac and Helensvale North stations on the Gold Coast.

Roma Street will become the state's biggest public transport interchange. The precinct there will have two hectares of new publicly accessible open space added to the Roma Street Parkland. There are 65 six-car passenger trains to be built in Maryborough for use on the South-East Queensland rail network.

Then there are the health benefits to hosting the Olympics. It promotes volunteering, civic pride and social cohesion. Schools and young people can get excited about the sporting pathways generated for elite athletes. I know there is a whole generation of young Queenslanders training extra hard now, hoping to one day represent Australia at the Brisbane, Queensland games. In my house there is a very eager seven-year-old practising her gymnastics every day—usually while I am trying to watch TV.

The Olympics provides a platform to accelerate and amplify everything from healthy and active community initiatives to arts and culture, sustainability, tourism, trade and local business opportunities. The redeveloped Queensland Performing Arts Centre will be completed and will be a huge drawcard for international visitors. Imagine visitors staying in one of the new five- or six-star hotels at the \$3.6 billion Queen's Wharf development and being able to walk across the new Neville Bonner Bridge to the new QPAC for a show. This is after they might have spent the day watching sport at the Gabba—

thanks to our massive upgrade of the stadium and construction of a pedestrian plaza to the Cross River Rail Gabba station—or perhaps they will visit one of the other 32 venues hosting 28 Olympic sports. The games are expected to attract 3.6 million international visitors—what a way to showcase our state to them.

The games will do for Northshore Hamilton what Expo 88 did for South Bank. The athletes village will be on Economic Development Queensland owned land within the Northshore Hamilton PDA. It will provide 10,729 beds for the Olympic Games and more than 5,000 for the Paralympics. The village dining hall will be on a two-hectare site. Planning is already underway to make sure that dining hall is full of Queensland produce—our beef, lamb and seafood and wonderful fresh fruit and veggies. Athletes like to eat and here in Queensland we have the best. The legacy of the village precinct is already incredibly important. Post the games, it will deliver a diverse residential offering, including aged-care, retirement living, social and affordable housing, key worker, hotel, build-to-rent and market accommodation.

Then there are the medals. I just visited a gold mine 130 kilometres south of Townsville that is hoping to be standing on the podium with our athletes in 2032. In Ravenswood, they have mined millions of ounces of gold dating back to 1868. The Palaszczuk government approved new mining leases and paved the way for the \$300 million extension of the gold mine two years ago. Last month, I extended the prescribed project declaration for Ravenswood's mine expansion project for an additional two years. This job-generating mine currently employs over 350 full-time workers, and plans are in place to expand the workforce to over 400 full-time employees. It could be supplying the gold for the many medals our great Aussie athletes will win in 2032. Wouldn't that be a great Queensland success story?

The games we deliver in 2032 will also be climate positive. This is a chance to accelerate the transition to a zero net emissions economy by 2050 and reduce emissions by at least 30 per cent. Our focus on hydrogen and renewables will see us do this. Our \$2 billion Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund is all about creating the partnerships to get new projects and jobs—for example, the Fortescue Future Industries electrolyser manufacturing plant in Gladstone, one of the world's largest manufacturers of electrolysers. The renewable energy fund is part of the \$3.34 billion Queensland Jobs Fund, which brings together the government's flagship industry development programs to boost the state's industry footprint, create jobs and strengthen Queensland's economy to 2032 and beyond. By the time the games roll around, I hope that Queensland will be a renewables powerhouse and Queenslanders will be enjoying the jobs, economic prosperity and electricity prices that come with that.

The Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Bill 2021 is a significant milestone in our work towards Brisbane 2032. The bill, which has been endorsed by the IOC, will establish the organising committee for the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games as an independent statutory body and its board. The organising committee will be responsible for overseeing the delivery of critical aspects of the Brisbane 2032 games, including accommodation for athletes and officials at locations like Northshore Hamilton that I have talked about as well as cultural and ceremonial events, such as the opening ceremony at the redeveloped Gabba. Importantly, the bill sets out that at least 50 per cent of the nominated directors on the board will be women. The bill also includes safeguards for the state and taxpayers while giving the committee independence, establishing it as a statutory body.

Together, all of these initiatives are ensuring the games will be a catalyst for strong economic growth, more jobs and better connected and resourced communities in Brisbane and beyond into the South-East Queensland region and throughout the entire state. Can I say how honoured I was to be asked by the Premier to assist her with the delivery of the games infrastructure. I am genuinely excited about the future of Brisbane and Queensland. The next decade will be epic. We will see Brisbane really step on to the world stage. We will showcase to the world everything we love about our state—from the Daintree to Gondwana, from the reef to the outback, from our love of sport to our fantastic beer, wine and food. I cannot wait. I commend the bill to the House.