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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Olympics) (9.43 am): My government has always looked to the future and I firmly believe Queensland's best days are ahead of us. However, it is not enough to simply hope for it; we are planning for it. We are building the roads and rail, the schools and hospitals that our growing state needs. In just 3,804 days we will be hosting the biggest event on the planet. The 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be the greatest single transformational event our state has ever seen. Thanks to the IOC's new norm, we are able to spend the next 10 years investing in the infrastructure our state needs in preparation for the greatest games of all. However, it is also important that we look to the 10 years after the games by marking milestones and creating a legacy.

Today I am proud to announce that expressions of interest are being called for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Legacy Committee. This is about our future. While we work alongside our partners to coordinate and deliver the infrastructure we need in time for the games, the Legacy Committee will have a different focus. The committee will have 12 members. All Queenslanders over the age of 18 are encouraged to apply, except for one position. It will go to someone aged between 16 and 18 years to provide the perspective of the younger members of our community. Four positions are reserved for those living in regional Queensland. However, I make it clear: I want to see a strong representation from regional Queensland because this is an Olympic and Paralympic games for all of our state. I am particularly interested in those with experience in or backgrounds from arts and culture, business, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, community sport, tourism, health and wellbeing, people who have great ideas when it comes to innovation and we also need people who have expertise in trade. Advertisements will ask for applicants and a short list will be prepared by a recruiting firm.

One suggestion that has been made to me is that we include a Queensland pavilion among our Olympic venues to showcase to visitors the story of our state. Hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games is an honour that belongs to every single one of us. The Legacy Committee is another way that more Queenslanders can be involved with planning for this fantastic event. The Legacy Committee will ensure that planning for the games has a view to the future—long after fans leave the stadiums and the closing ceremonies are over. What will happen in the weeks, the years and the decades after the games are over? Those are exciting questions that the Legacy Committee will answer.