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## ADJOURNMENT

### Toohey Electorate, Achievements

 **Mr RUSSO** (Toohey—ALP) (6.16 pm): I would like to share with the House a couple of the fantastic achievements we realised in the Toohey electorate last week. In 2020 the Palaszczuk government announced their progressive plan to build seven new satellite hospitals in Queensland. Last week I was very pleased to be with the Premier, the Deputy Premier, the Treasurer, the health minister and my colleagues from the neighbouring electorates of Stretton and Mansfield. We all met at a large vacant block of land in Eight Mile Plains to announce the location of the last satellite hospital. It may have been the last of the satellite hospital locations to be announced, but I would like to think they saved the best announcement until last.

While it is still to be worked out what healthcare services will be available at the facility, I know this healthcare facility will ease the pressure off the nearby hospitals. Residents will be able to receive the care they need closer to home. Not only will there be an improvement in health care for locals, but there will also be healthcare jobs at the satellite hospital and more than 100 construction jobs while the satellite hospital is being built, so this will help local small businesses benefit as well.

While the news about the new satellite hospital would have been enough on its own, the very next day the Premier brought out the Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport for another visit to Toohey. On that day we met up at the Queensland Academy of Sport at Nathan where the Premier announced a new gym and sports centre lab. The QAS venue was the perfect location to launch the You For 2032 campaign. The race is on to find our best athletes in Queensland as we prepare for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The new gym is state-of-the-art and double the size of the old one. I can definitely see that the QAS will be the place where dreams are made into reality for the next generation of athletes who are still out there running around school ovals, jumping over hurdles or even swimming extra laps in the pool at schools across this great state. These young people will be the future athletes we will be cheering on in 2032. For many of them, they will get to test their dreams and undertake their training in my electorate of Toohey. To them I say welcome. What a week it was. Before I finish, I would like to extend an invitation to each of the ministers to come out to Toohey. I can assure them we have plenty going on.