



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR JORDAN**

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**MOTION**

**State Development and Regional Industries Committee, 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games**

 **Mrs MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (5.49 pm): I rise to speak and support the Deputy Premier's amended motion. I have to say I was a little surprised by the opposition's motion as it looked like they were giving themselves actual work—unnecessary work, as it turns out, but nevertheless work. It is clear they have their heavy hitters on the State Development and Regional Industries Committee in the form of the member for Lockyer and the member for Burleigh. I can see those two members going in really hard to interrogate the massive and complex infrastructure program of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. I can still recall the member for Burleigh Googling estimates questions the night before a hearing I attended, so, Leader of the Opposition, I would rethink that strategy.

What is this really about? We know that it is about undermining the Olympic and Paralympic Games, games that will deliver \$8.1 billion in benefits to Queensland, including a \$4.6 billion economic boost to tourism and trade, and \$3.5 billion in social improvements such as health, volunteering and community benefits. More than 91,000 new jobs will be created here in Queensland. Why do the opposition not support more jobs for Queenslanders?

Six new venues will be developed, including the Brisbane Arena at Roma Street, four community hub facilities and the Redland Whitewater Centre. Does the member for Oodgeroo support the new Redland Whitewater Centre? Eight existing venues will receive major upgrades, including the Gabba, Sleeman Sports Complex and Barlow Park in Cairns. Does the member for Chatsworth support a major upgrade of the Sleeman Sports Complex?

The significant social benefits derived from the games, including health benefits, volunteering, civic pride and social cohesion, sporting pathways generated for elite athletes, industry and government partnerships, enhanced community infrastructure, diversity and inclusion, and social licence—does the opposition not support any of these benefits that the Olympic and Paralympic Games will bring? If elected, would they continue with the 2032 games? This is the question that the Leader of the Opposition must answer.

Something that we do know is that the Leader of the Opposition and the LNP may say they support the games, but they will just continue to undermine and attack every effort to progress them. They say one thing; they do another.

This leads me to coal royalties as referenced in the amended motion. Does the Leader of the Opposition support our government's progressive coal royalties? They voted for them, but they have distanced themselves from that decision. Coal royalties are expected to bring in \$15.3 billion of revenue in 2022-23. The uplift from progressive coal royalties is projected to be worth \$7.2 billion over the five years to 2026-27. We recognise that a prosperous resource sector is good for jobs and it is good for Queensland, but it is also important to be honest and clear with the resources industry about the future

of coal royalties. Our Labor government is very clear. We will continue with our policy of progressive coal royalties. What is the LNP doing? If the LNP wishes to reverse these changes, it should also be honest with the people of Queensland about which projects or funds it will cut.

**Mr Crandon** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Please resume your seat, member for Jordan. Member for Coomera, you are warned under the standing orders.

**Mrs MULLEN:** There is \$1.06 billion towards CopperString 2.0. We already know that this project is on the LNP's cuts list. What about the \$7 billion towards the state owned pumped hydro for the Borumba and Pioneer-Burdekin projects? Well, I think we lost them at 'state owned'. Seriously, does the member for Gympie not support the Borumba project?

With regard to the \$550 million for the Fitzroy to Gladstone pipeline, does the member for Nanango, who I think is the shadow minister for water—she just screams water at us every so often, so I have just assumed—support this pipeline project? The \$440 million towards the Burdekin Falls Dam improvement and raising project—does the member for Burdekin not support this project? What about the Regional Economic Futures Fund, the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund, the Queensland critical minerals and battery technology fund? Will they all disappear under the LNP?

The member for Mudgeeraba is quick to exploit patient cases, but will she support the more than \$3.6 billion that we are investing in new or expanded hospitals, including in Moranbah, Mackay, Cairns, Townsville, Bundaberg, Hervey Bay and Toowoomba? Do the members for Toowoomba North and Toowoomba South support the new Toowoomba Hospital? The Leader of the Opposition and the LNP will not come clean with Queenslanders. They will continue to sit on the fence on myriad issues—the Olympics, the coal royalties, even treaty as we found out. I am pleased to see that even their own are not fooled. As one longstanding member of the LNP observed during the Fadden LNP preselection, 'David Crisafulli is ... also the best expert fence sitter I have seen in politics in 40 years.'

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