



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR BANCROFT**

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**MOTION**

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

 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (5.28 pm): I rise to speak in favour of the amended motion moved by the Deputy Premier. I do want to thank the LNP for mentioning our committee so generously in their motion. I think it is recognition that we do a good job. Look at the inquiry we did on the OIA last year and the inquiry that we are doing at the moment on the impact of climate change on Queensland agricultural production. Thank you for your compliment. This parliament does not need our committee to do what is in this LNP motion. We have this covered. The Queensland government has the structure to complete the infrastructure and oversee it.

The Brisbane 2032 Coordination Office has been established to coordinate the delivery of these games. The coordination office is endorsed by games partners, including IOC Vice-President John Coates. The coordination office is responsible for the delivery of key infrastructure. It follows the signing of an historic intergovernmental agreement on funding between the state and federal governments. Let's not forget that 84 per cent of the venues in the Brisbane 2032 games master plan are either existing or temporary. The new venues we will build range from the epic Gabba rebuild and the Brisbane Arena to community sports complexes throughout the south-east. That includes the Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre, which is to be built at Petrie. It will house Olympic and Paralympic boxing. Afterwards that venue will live on to cater for many indoor sports in our area. I would also point out the accolades and compliments we received for running the 2018 Commonwealth Games, which I think show exactly what we can deliver as Queenslanders.

The real question here is whether the LNP truly supports Queensland's Olympic and Paralympic Games. Do they really support the benefits of the games? The member for Lockyer has delivered probably the most fulsome endorsement of the games of anyone on this side over here. I keep saying that they really do need him on their front bench. We know that Queensland's games will deliver a huge benefit to Queensland, including \$8.1 billion in economic and social benefits to Queensland and more than \$17 billion worth of benefits to Australia as a whole. They are going to create over 91,000 jobs in Queensland and almost 123,000 jobs Australia wide. Let's not forget the global broadcast reach of more than five billion people across 200 nations around the world. Not only that but Brisbane 2032 will also deliver a \$4.6 billion boost in tourism and trade for Queensland. The LNP needs to state whether it thinks this jobs bonanza is worth supporting. It is getting harder to hear anyone from the LNP state that they support the games or talk about how they will deliver such strong benefits to Queensland.

It has been said this week and tonight that the games and other infrastructure will be partially funded by progressive coal royalties. Once again the LNP need to put it out there and say whether they support our progressive coal royalties regime. We know that progressive coal royalties mean Queenslanders can have more cost-of-living relief, better services and better infrastructure for regional

Queenslanders. It means we can deliver the strongest direct cost-of-living support package of any Australian government. As we have already heard, that means \$550 to each Queensland household in the form of an electricity rebate.

I want to conclude by asking why you would listen to the LNP talk about infrastructure delivery. They really do not know how to deliver infrastructure. They do not understand that you need years of planning and design before you build. There is one thing I want to point out. I give you exhibit A: Barnaby Joyce and the inland rail project. They wanted to build it. They started without having any idea of where it went—

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