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Dig Deep Competitive Boxing

 **Mr LAST** (Burdekin—LNP) (7.13 pm): 'If you want nothing, do what you want. If you want everything, develop discipline.' Those wise words come from one of Australia's greats in the sport of boxing, Kostya Tszyu. Hundreds of kilometres from the bright lights of the big cities, there is a group whose determination and discipline will not just help them achieve as individuals; it is helping an entire town. I speak proudly of the town of Dysart and more specifically of Dig Deep Competitive Boxing. Dysart is home to around 3,000 people and a club full of champions. Led by Craig Storch, boxers of all ages come together and train at what was formerly the town's tennis courts. From the nine-degree winter nights to the 34-degree summer days, it is the tight-knit club environment, discipline and dreams that bring them together. Like people throughout regional Queensland, perhaps the biggest challenge for the young boxers, their families and their supporters is the tyranny of distance, but this is a club that will not let a few kilometres hold them back.

Holding an incredible eight golden gloves titles and eight Queensland titles between them, four boxers from Dig Deep were selected to compete at the Australian Schools Boxing Championships in July. By the end of the championships, Ciara Storch had been named the female youth boxer of the tournament and had her eyes firmly set on her next challenge—a trip to the United States as part of Team Australia. I am happy to advise the House that Ciara came away from her bout in Portland as a champion and followed that effort with a two-day training camp. Just a few days later, Ciara was back in Dysart and back at training at Dig Deep.

As Jim Rohn said, 'Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment,' and results are certainly what this club is achieving. None of this would be possible without the team behind the boxers. Their efforts extend beyond training and the long hours of travel to events and competitions. In recent months, Craig and the team behind the scenes have transformed the tennis courts into a training facility that would be the envy of clubs in the big cities through both their own hard work and the support of the broader Dysart community.

I am proud to support Dig Deep Competitive Boxing. On behalf of the Burdekin electorate, I want to wish Ciara and the rest of the Dig Deep team at Dysart all the best for the future. Members have heard it here first in the chamber. Keep an eye on this young lady because she is going places. At the 2032 Olympics, I reckon that girl will be standing on the dais doing us all proud. Well done, Ciara. Well done to Dig Deep Competitive Boxing. May the future hold many more trophies for that club.