



Speech By  
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**MOTION**

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

 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (5.23 pm): It is great to follow the ‘Minister for on time and on budget’—a minister who dictates that members who say that projects will be on time and on budget be called some nasty name. Yet he is the one who goes out there and says, ‘Everything is on time and on budget.’

How is Cross River Rail going for the minister? Is it on time? No. Is it on budget? No. How is the second M1 down the Gold Coast looking? It has blown out. It is not on time and not on budget. How is light rail stage 3 looking for the minister? It went from \$700 million to \$1.2 billion. What do we see happening down there? Nothing much is happening. It looks like it is going to be over two or three years late. This is the ‘Minister for on time and on budget’—a minister who completely reinvents history at the end of the day. That is what the Labor Party does. When things do not suit them they reinvent history.

The Deputy Premier comes in here and moves an amendment which states that the committee has oversight of these things anyway. The committee system clearly does not work. Otherwise, we would not need to move this motion because we would be able to get this reference through the committee. Instead, the committee is controlled by the Labor Party and the Labor committee members will not let us do anything.

Would it not make sense for the State Development and Regional Industries Committee to look at every piece of infrastructure that is being built by this fiscally incompetent government—to look at the value that it offers the people of Queensland, to look at the results, to look at the construction and the contracts—to see that those things are being done fairly? We have already seen this minister introduce BPCS in most of the contracts. That is what has caused these massive blowouts. Quite seriously, these things need to be looked at. They need the Auditor-General looking at them and they need parliamentary oversight. That is simply what this motion seeks to achieve.

The Deputy Premier has moved to amend this motion to talk about progressive coal royalties funding infrastructure. How many times are they going to fund infrastructure with this one-off sugar hit? They are going to fund kindly for all kids. They are going to fund all of the housing projects. They are going to fund all of the hospitals. They are going to fund all of the Olympic infrastructure. They are going to do all of that on this one-off sugar hit, when their own budget says this is not going to continue any longer. They are going to leave a big black hole in the budget because one-off sugar hits just do not work.

**Mr Fumer** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock. Member for Ferny Grove, if you want to engage in the debate, you will need to be in your own seat. That is general advice for all members.

**Mr HART:** We really need to have oversight of Olympic infrastructure. The government has already come out and said—it was written on the back of a coaster or in a press release—that the Gabba was going to cost a billion dollars. The committee that I sit on—in fact, I asked the question—asked the Auditor-General: was this billion dollars in the business case? There was no business case; it was a press release.

**Mr Bailey** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Miller, cease your interjections across the chamber.

**Mr HART:** Then we find out that one day it is a billion dollars and the next day it is \$2.7 billion—just a minor blowout, just a little increase.

**Mr Millar** interjected.

**Mr Bailey** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order, member for Miller and member for Gregory! Cease your quarrelling.

**Mr HART:** That is what we are going to see with every project involved with the Olympic Games when these fiscally incompetent ministers on the other side have control of them. We have already seen the government swallow Building Queensland. We saw that happen years ago. It has disappeared into the murk.

The whole reason the government wants to put all of these infrastructure builds inside the government is to avoid any scrutiny at all because it cannot stand any scrutiny, yet it was elected on the back of being an open and transparent government. What have we seen? We have never seen any openness and transparency from this government. All we see is the reinvention of history and incompetence. That is what we see.