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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure) (9.46 am): Last week the Premier and I were joined by the Prime Minister to announce an historic funding agreement for the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games. The infrastructure we announced and funded for Brisbane 2032 will reshape our capital city, our region and the entire state over the next decade and beyond. In just 3,439 days, we will kick off the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Queensland will welcome tens of thousands of visitors to venues from the Gold Coast to Cairns, from the Redlands to Toowoomba.

2032 will be a year to remember. It will be an iconic year for Queensland, but it is not the first time we have hosted a state-defining event. Queenslanders remember Expo 88 fondly. For many it is an iconic part of our childhoods—a defining moment when Brisbane came of age. Future generations will remember 2032 in the same way we remember 1988. They will remember getting off the Brisbane Metro or Cross River Rail at Woolloongabba station. They will remember walking across the new plaza to the stadium, and they will not wait a lifetime to cross the road at Main Street. They will remember the spectacular opening ceremony, sharing the memory with 50,000 other people sitting in the new Gabba stadium and countless people watching it at home and across the globe, including people with a disability who will be able to access the stadium without having to use the goods lift, as they do now.

They will remember where they were when their favourite sporting hero—maybe a homegrown Queenslander—took home gold and the deafening roar of the crowd as it happened and they will know that she had access to gender appropriate facilities before and after her event. They will remember walking along the new spine between Woolloongabba and South Bank, stopping for an ice cream with sweeping views of the city with a skyline that we may not yet recognise. World Expo 88 was the catalyst to transform South Bank into what it is today—a bustling precinct with shops, businesses, apartments and open space—and so it is fitting that we will build on that legacy with the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games by extending the South Bank precinct to the Gabba. Expanding the Woolloongabba priority development area will see a more integrated planning approach for the whole suburb. Woolloongabba has the potential to be one of Australia's best precincts. It can provide increased affordable housing for key workers as well as employment, retail, entertainment and open space.

Our vision is for a truly walkable city, where you can walk or wheel seamlessly from the Gabba to the Brisbane Arena. That cannot happen without a coordinated approach. If we leverage this opportunity we can improve walkability, livability, accessibility and offer social and affordable housing solutions. There is evidence worldwide that revitalising areas like this brings jobs and opportunities—just look at London's Olympic Park. The games is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to accelerate the housing and infrastructure Queenslanders need. We will not waste this opportunity. We are determined that the games will deliver benefits for all of Queensland.