



Speech By
Hon. Dr Steven Miles
MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA

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MOTION: GABBA REDEVELOPMENT

 **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) (5.05 pm): I move—

That all words after 'redevelopment' be omitted and the following inserted:

'will provide a world-class stadium for the people of Queensland and visitors for the games and the future;

- (b) notes that the 2018 Stadiums Taskforce Report labelled the Gabba a "tired" venue that would require major upgrades by 2030;
- (c) notes that the redevelopment will include extra seats, improved accessibility for patrons and dedicated change rooms for female athletes;
- (d) notes that an expanded PDA will increase opportunities for social and affordable housing, high-quality public transport and employment opportunities within the Gabba and South Bank precincts;
- (e) notes that a business plan was submitted to the International Olympic Committee as part of the normal requirements for a games bid;
- (f) notes that a Brisbane 2032 Coordination Office will be established, which has a shared governance model integrating all three levels of government and OCOG and will have appropriate reporting arrangements;
- (g) notes that under the former Morrison LNP government the Gabba would not have been owned by Queenslanders and could have been sold off;
- (h) notes that the Queensland LNP opposition has a hit list of projects they want to slash, which would see LNP want to cut, sack and sell in Queensland again; and
- (i) notes that the Auditor-General in a recent public parliamentary committee hearing stated "there's definitely issues impacting on infrastructure not just in Queensland, but certainly in Australia"; and
- (j) calls on all members of parliament to back the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Before I begin my contribution on the amended motion, I will correct the record in relation to some of the claims being made by the opposition. First of all, the Gabba proposal included in the original host questionnaire was developed by world-renowned Queensland architecture firm Populous. They provided the plans and the budgeting that were included in the host questionnaire. That business plan was presented to the IOC. As with all venues in the host questionnaire, it was costed in 2020 dollars. There was always going to be cost escalation.

Opposition members interjected.

Dr MILES: Wait—we have noted inflation and increases in building costs. I have heard the opposition Treasury spokesperson ask: if building costs have only gone up 40 per cent then why is it more than that? That was 40 per cent in one year. The venue will be built in 2026-29, which is more than one year away. I would have thought that even the opposition Treasury spokesperson could tell that nine is more than one. These revised costings consider the fact that the venues will be built in the years in which they will be built. The infrastructure we will deliver in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032 will reshape our city, our region and the entire state over the next decade and beyond.

Hosting the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It will deliver \$8.1 billion in economic and social benefits to Queensland and create 91,600 jobs. Over the next decade—

Dr MacMahon interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The member for South Brisbane will cease her interjections.

Dr MacMahon interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The member for South Brisbane is warned under the standing orders.

Dr MILES: Over the next decade we have the opportunity to accelerate the housing, transport and community infrastructure our growing population needs. Just like the Commonwealth Games and Expo 88, Brisbane 2032 will change Queensland for the better forever. Just as Queenslanders remember Expo 88 fondly, future generations will remember the year 2032. In saying that they will not fund the true cost of the Gabba when it will be built between 2026 and 2029, those opposite are saying that they will cut it. They say they support the Olympics, but they do not support building the Olympic stadium. They need to explain how and where they will cut these billions of dollars.