




Speech By
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Great Barrier Reef Arena

 **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) (9.49 am): On Saturday I had the pleasure, on behalf of the Premier, of officially opening the \$25.3 million Great Barrier Reef Arena at Harrup Park in Mackay along with the tourism minister and the member for Mackay. It was a special honour to unveil the Tim Mulherin Green, which was named in honour of the former member for Mackay who was a champion for his region and especially the arena project.

Thanks to shared investment by the Queensland and Australian governments, the fantastic arena at Harrup Park can now host 10,000 spectators for sporting games and 20,000 for concerts. In the lead-up to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games it will be our regional venues like this one that play such a critical role in fostering local talent and attracting visitors to show them just how great regional Queensland is.