



Speech By  
**Hon. Dr Steven Miles**


**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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**MOTION**

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

 **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 'Committee' be omitted and the following inserted:

'already has the ability to undertake public works oversight within the areas of responsibility outlined within schedule 6 of the standing orders and notes that the following oversight functions for Olympic and Paralympic infrastructure exist, including:

1. the Brisbane 2032 Coordination Office which will regularly report back on the planning and delivery of Games infrastructure;
2. the Intergovernmental Leaders Forum;
3. parliamentary question time and estimates; and

calls on all members to:

1. support the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games which will provide economic and social benefit to Queensland and a strong legacy for the people of Queensland; and
2. support keeping progressive coal royalties, which means more cost-of-living relief, better services and Queensland's Big Build.'

Queensland is embarking on the biggest decade of infrastructure delivery in our history. Yet again tonight, the LNP is trying to wreck it. We are investing \$89 billion over the next four years to build the infrastructure our growing state needs. Over the next year we will deliver \$20 billion worth of infrastructure, supporting 58,000 jobs. This work will generate jobs, improve services, protect our lifestyle, grow economic investment, boost our regions and help secure a future for our kids. It is all part of Queensland's Big Build. The best bit? More than half of that investment is in regional Queensland.

Hosting the 2023 Olympic and Paralympic Games is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to focus that investment and deliver it for all Queenslanders to enjoy. The games is the catalyst for bringing forward infrastructure and urban development plans, delivering better community facilities and more housing, infrastructure that will benefit our communities far beyond 2032. But the truth is—and this goes to the LNP's motion tonight—they have never supported our ambition to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games. They have never been that honest—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Order, members!

**Mrs Frecklington** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER**: Order, member for Nanango!

**Dr MILES:** We never have to scratch the surface very far to find that they do not really like it. They do not think our state is worthy of what Brisbane 2032 can bring—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order, member for Nanango! Order, member for Gregory!

**Dr MILES:**—and that is what this motion goes to. Members of the LNP do not support the Olympics and the Paralympics and they do not think Queensland can do it. That is the fundamental disagreement here tonight. That is what we just saw in the outrageous words of the member for Kawana.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order, member for Kawana, you have had your contribution! Order, member for Nanango!

**Dr MILES:** The fact is all of Queensland will benefit from Brisbane 2032, including upgrades to sporting venues in Cairns and Toowoomba. New venues such as the Gabba and the expanded Woolloongabba Priority Development Area will deliver massive urban renewal including more housing supply. Just like the Commonwealth Games and Expo 88, Brisbane 2032 will change Queensland for the better.

The LNP have said they would cap the costs of our critical infrastructure projects. When costs have gone up, if we cap the funding of those projects we either have to cut entire projects or cut back the projects that we have committed to. The Leader of the Opposition has outlined \$10 billion worth of infrastructure that he would cut, including projects that are critical to the delivery of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. They have said they would cut Gold Coast Light Rail stage 3 and the transformative CopperString project set to change our electricity grid and deliver the critical minerals of the future.

Those opposite have been clear that they will cut these projects, but they have not been clear on whether they will keep our progressive coal royalties that allow us to fund the Big Build and the cost-of-living relief that we delivered in the budget yesterday. With progressive coal royalties Queenslanders can have the Brisbane 2032 games, they can have the Big Build and they can have better services. We need the Leader of the Opposition to tell us one way or the other whether he supports progressive coal royalties that will allow us to fund and deliver the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.