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 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (5.33 pm): It is about time to raise the bar a little bit. This has been without doubt one of the most dull, lack of heart and soul debates I have heard from that side of the chamber. We love the Olympic Games. In fact, I would even watch a mango roll down a hill against an apple. Anything from the member for Miller and I would be there competing every day. It is an absolute waste of time getting project management advice from the member for Miller, the transport and main roads minister. It is like getting a lesson in humility from the member for Woodridge. There is no way in the world we can tolerate sitting here listening to undergraduate dross. I have to say that probably the only time I have agreed with the Premier was when she said the backbench has no talent. It must be galling to the member for Logan that he was short by seven votes from pipping the member for Ferny Grove. That just says it all.

Between today's date and 23 July 2032 there are 3,328 days until the Olympics are actually in this fine state. The problem we have on this side of the chamber, which is why I am supporting the motion as originally moved by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, is that there has been a lot of conversation and little action. There has been no movement at the station, and it is concerning. I will tell you why it makes perfect sense to formulate this committee.

There is a report here in relation to the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi. It is well known what a basket case the preparation of that particular sporting event was. They had a public accounts committee that tabled its report on exactly what the pitfalls were and where it went wrong, so this body in fact does exist in the western world. The other thing is that a little organisation in Queensland—in fact, it happens to be Queensland's largest club and it is not the left wing faction of the ALP, I can assure you of that—called the RACQ has come out with a statement in the last 48 hours. RACQ general manager of advocacy Joshua Cooney said, 'In nine years, this city is going to host the largest sporting event in the world, so we need to build infrastructure that can cope.'

In relation to project management, I only have a couple of minutes left. I could probably be here for two hours going through why we have distinct concerns about the lack of ability of the ALP—the democratic socialists who think they know the real world of project management—to deliver. I always like to have proof points, particularly for the sports minister, who might be taking an early holiday. No doubt he will have plenty of time to watch lots of Olympic events in the years to come because he may have some time on his hands after the next council election. That is what the good oil tells us, but we will wait and see.

Let's go through the medal tally when it comes to the member for Miller's budget blowouts, and then I will move on to some of the other competitors on that side of the amateur Little Athletics club. We will start off with my particular favourite, the member for Miller, who as we all know was called foolish by the CCC. It is a bit like when I give out prizes at the rifle range, the old target and then the new target.

The old target for Gold Coast Light Rail was \$700 million. That blew out to \$1.2 billion. That is only a 72 per cent increase, mind you. We can go to Cross River Rail. It is quite sage to say that when the Premier jumped up she almost invoked her Sydney Olympic poise. When they made the announcement, 'And the winner is', with bated breath, 'Brisbane!', up she jumped doing the old 'woo hoo' and away she went. We were the only people in the running, mind you, but the fact is she jumped up and said, 'That's great, because we've got this fancy underground train kit and it's only going to cost \$5 billion.' If only! We do support Cross River Rail. What we do not support is a bit of kit that is going from \$5 billion up to around \$9.37 billion. That is a figure that just came out of thin air, didn't it? Not. I will speak more about that tomorrow when I get my opportunity. That is as much as I can say.