




Speech By
Hon. Grace Grace

MEMBER FOR MCCONNEL

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**BRISBANE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES ARRANGEMENTS
AMENDMENT BILL**

Message from Governor

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (11.22 am): I present a message from Her Excellency the Governor.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Lister): The message from Her Excellency recommends the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill. The contents of the message will be incorporated into the *Record of Proceedings*. I table the message for the information of members.

MESSAGE

BRISBANE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES ARRANGEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL 2024

Constitution of Queensland 2001, section 68

I, DR JEANNETTE ROSITA YOUNG AC PSM, Governor, recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled—


A Bill for an Act to amend the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021 for particular purposes

GOVERNOR

Date: 17 April 2024

Tabled paper: Message, dated 17 April 2024, from Her Excellency the Governor recommending the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024 [589](#).

Introduction

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (11.23 am): I present a bill for an act to amend the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021 for particular purposes. I table the bill and explanatory notes and a statement of compatibility with human rights. I nominate the Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024 [590](#).

Tabled paper: Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024, explanatory notes [591](#).

Tabled paper: Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024, statement of compatibility with human rights [592](#).

Three years ago Brisbane was announced as host of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. It was a massive landmark moment for our state, a transformational opportunity to be celebrated. We know this will be our time to shine as we invite the world to our doorstep and celebrate everything great about Queensland. Hosting the games is a privilege that will define our city and state for decades to

come. We are planning for, and building, an accessible, safe and sustainable Brisbane, connecting the places and spaces we all love. Our future as a world-class city is definitely arriving. Since 2021 we have been setting the foundations to ensure our games will be the highlight of a lifetime for competitors and spectators alike and create lasting benefits for Queensland long after the games are over.

In 2021, KPMG estimated that over the 20-year period from 2022 to 2042 the games would generate total economic benefits for Queensland up to \$8.1 billion, largely driven by increases in the value of tourism, trade, health and volunteering. The benefits for Queenslanders will not just be in Brisbane but in our regions as well. In terms of infrastructure we are already starting to deliver this with Queensland's Big Build—an over \$90 billion investment over the next four years alone, with half of this work happening in regional Queensland. Many regional venues will receive upgrades—not just those hosting Olympic events—to provide much needed community sporting infrastructure in the lead-up to the games and beyond. Regional centres, including Cairns, Townsville, the Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Moreton Bay and the Scenic Rim, will host Olympic events. This will: create jobs and opportunities for people living and working in those regions; attract visitors to the area before, during and after the games; and give Queenslanders across the state the exciting opportunity to attend the events in their hometown.

In less than four months time the eyes of the world will be on Paris. The 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be broadcast to more than 200 nations and territories and reach an audience well in excess of five billion people. It will bring into closer focus our own future opportunities as an Olympic and Paralympic Games host. Queenslanders will be representing our nation across most sports. We will have our gazes fixed on multiple venues in Paris, but particularly in the pool with our champion swimmers looking to bring home a host of medals. Our support will continue through to the Paralympics shortly after, cheering on local talent by three-time gold medallist Curtis McGrath and two-time medallist Susan Seipel in para flatwater canoeing. Back here in Queensland the games will provide a generational opportunity to transform our state economically, culturally, socially and environmentally. They will deliver more economic activity, more jobs and plenty of legacy infrastructure to benefit Queenslanders in the coming decades.

The recent Sport Venue Review has been beneficial in ensuring our venue investments are affordable, fit for purpose and will create a substantial legacy. We accepted 27 of the 30 recommendations from the independent panel and used their findings to adopt new opportunities and a new direction to deliver value for money for Queenslanders while supporting our legacy vision. At its core, our government's response prioritises community benefit while ensuring costs remain within the agreed funding envelope of \$7.1 billion. We have ruled out the option to build a new stadium at Victoria Park. At a time when Queenslanders face significant cost-of-living pressures, building a brand new multibillion stadium is something the government is just not prepared to do. Whilst we will deliver a world-class Olympic and Paralympic Games that will be the envy of the world, our focus must also be on providing cost-of-living relief for Queenslanders and continuing to deliver critical investments in health, housing and essential services.

Also, in sticking to the IOC's 'new norm' approach we will deliver a games that utilise existing infrastructure as far as possible. More than 80 per cent of the venues in the master plan are existing or temporary, reducing the overall cost of the games and reducing environmental impacts. It currently includes 36 competition venues for hosting 28 Olympic and 22 Paralympic sports. We will upgrade QSAC, Suncorp Stadium and the Gabba plus deliver a new state-of-the-art Brisbane Arena at a new site within Roma Street Parklands. The arena will be a much needed piece of community infrastructure with multiple legacy uses for decades to come and will feature within a connected precinct close to the city's cultural and entertainment centres as well as transport, of course.

We will also explore legacy transport opportunities to link QSAC, QEII Hospital and Griffith University with connected precincts in the city. QSAC is a much loved venue, hosting nearly 782,000 visits alone in 2022-23, mainly from community sporting groups and schools. These upgrades to QSAC will further broaden community access for years to come. What a legacy that will be and one that has been welcomed by Athletics Australia, Queensland Athletics and the IOC.

For once we will see a games that will not rip up the athletics track once the main events are over. We will have new and upgraded venues right across Queensland as well as make good use of existing venues across the state, in line with the IOC's new norm. New indoor sports stadiums will be constructed on the Sunshine Coast and at Chandler, Moreton Bay and Logan, along with the new Redland Whitewater Centre at Birkdale. We will upgrade and refurbish Barlow Park in Cairns, the Brisbane Aquatic Centre at Chandler, the Brisbane International Shooting Centre at Belmont, Sunshine Coast Stadium, Sunshine Coast Mountain Bike Centre and Wyaralong Flat Water Centre.

Athlete villages will be constructed at Hamilton Northshore in Brisbane, on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts and in the Scenic Rim. With regard to those athlete villages, their amazing legacy will be to house residents after the games. I believe about 10,000 athletes will be using those facilities during the games, so that is an incredible legacy that will be built and made available as homes for Queenslanders. Existing venues will be used, including the Queensland Country Bank Stadium in Townsville—what a great stadium that is, and it would not be there if it were not for a Labor government; the Queensland Tennis Centre; the Boondall Entertainment Centre; the Manly Boat Harbour; Ballymore Stadium—and what a great new stadium we have built at Ballymore as well; Brighton Homes Arena at Springfield; and Cbus stadium on the Gold Coast.

In March 2022, the Brisbane 2032 Coordination Office was established within the Queensland government to coordinate and integrate essential games programs. It has been progressing preparations with other parts of government on activities including venue development, legacy planning and sustainability. As the Premier said in December, now is the time to establish a separate statutory body and build on the vital work that has already occurred since we were awarded the games in 2021. Since then, we have established a Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games organising committee; signed an historic \$7.1 billion investment agreement with the Commonwealth; established a legacy committee with strong regional representation, which will meet very soon with me as a new minister; and launched You for 2032, Australia's largest ever athlete talent identification program.

Our 2032 procurement strategy means businesses across Queensland are already getting match fit to win contracts worth an estimated \$180 billion from our government, other suppliers and the world market before, during and after the games. Elevate 2042, our 20-year legacy strategy developed in conjunction with our games partners, will maximise economic, social and environmental benefits from hosting this once-in-a-lifetime event. This brings me to the main purpose of this bill—to establish the Games Venue and Legacy Delivery Authority to ensure Queensland's readiness to successfully host and maximise the legacy and benefits from the games. The authority's key role is to ensure that venues and villages are delivered in time for the games and within budget allocations as well as maximising the legacy benefits from the games, which is an important key role.

The bill was prepared in close collaboration with games delivery partners and the International Olympic Committee. Establishing the authority as a statutory body will enable it to have a high level of independence and operate at arm's length from government. The authority will have control over its own funds, have operational and financial independence and operate within a flexible structure. It will also reduce the impact changes in government will have on infrastructure delivery and government services coordination for the games over the next eight years. This delivery authority model is similar to that adopted for the highly successful Sydney 2000 and London 2012 games, and we have heard from stakeholders that this is a model we should emulate for our games.

The authority will be overseen by an independent board, which will be selected by a panel of chief executives of games delivery partners, including all levels of government as well as Olympic and Paralympic bodies. If we want to make the most of the opportunity, we need to have all the right people at the table taking a collaborative and cooperative approach. I am confident the authority will have the best people and be operating under the right model to be leading the way towards 2032 and beyond.

Noting the significant importance of transport infrastructure for the games, the authority will be required to develop a transport and mobility strategy within the first 18 months of its establishment. The strategy will identify the critical transport projects needed in time for the games and describe ways in which these projects may be prioritised and integrated. The work we have done on Elevate 2042 that I mentioned earlier has laid the foundations for the authority to immediately begin development of this work. Similarly, a games coordination plan will be established which reiterates the obligations of the state, Commonwealth and local governments under and related to the Olympic host contract and sets out how these are allocated and coordinated. In preparing the plan, the authority must consult broadly, and we have ensured the bill is explicit in this respect.

The authority will carry out its functions within Queensland's well-established planning framework. However, the authority will have a reserve power to expedite the delivery of a venue, or village, should a planning issue arise that threatens its timely delivery. The Miles government has always said that the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games is not just about four weeks of sport; it is about creating jobs and new industries, creating healthy lifestyles, encouraging sports participation and capitalising on the uplift in tourism and trade across the state. It is also about building the best value-for-money community sports infrastructure to create lasting benefits at a grassroots level. As a government, we want to ensure that we get this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity right. That is why we wish to establish the Games Venue and Legacy Delivery Authority. I commend the bill to the House.

First Reading

Hon. G GRACE (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (11.37 am): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Referral to Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Lister): In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee.

Declared Urgent; Portfolio Committee, Reporting Date

Hon. G GRACE (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (11.38 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

That, under the provisions of standing order 137, the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill be declared an urgent bill and the Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee report to the House on the bill by Friday, 17 May 2024.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.