



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MCCONNEL**


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

Resumed from 17 April (see p. 1053).

**Second Reading**

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (3.09 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a second time.

The Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024 was introduced into the Legislative Assembly on 17 April 2024, declared urgent and referred to the Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee. I note that the committee tabled its report on the bill on 17 May 2024. The committee's report made two recommendations. I table a copy of the government's response to that report.

*Tabled paper:* Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee: Report No. 9, 57th Parliament—Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024, government response [863](#).

I thank the chair, the member for Bancroft, and all members of the committee for their prompt consideration of the bill. I also take this opportunity to acknowledge the organisations and individuals who made submissions in relation to the bill. The passage of this bill in facilitating the establishment of the Games Venue and Legacy Delivery Authority and its board is an important next step in delivering a successful 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Miles government has taken every step to ensure Queensland is ready to put on a spectacular games, one that leaves a lasting legacy in communities right across the state with around half of our venues outside Brisbane—venues such as Barlow Park in Cairns, Queensland Country Bank Stadium in Townsville and Wyaralong Dam in the Scenic Rim, just to name a few. Our more than \$90 million Big Build is already delivering in our regions, with over half of the investment in regional Queensland. Already, we have achieved so much more than any other host city this far out from an opening ceremony.

We still have eight years to go and already our government has: established the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Organising Committee; signed the historic \$7.1 billion investment agreement with the Commonwealth; started the procurement process for \$560 million in works on the Chandler sports precinct and three Sunshine Coast venues which will collectively support more than 1,000 local jobs—and how great was it to make this announcement last Friday at the Sunshine Coast Stadium which will receive almost \$150 million in upgrades; released Elevate 2042, a 20-year legacy strategy to make our region better sooner together through sport; invested \$100 million in our Go for Gold schools program where schools can receive new and upgraded sporting infrastructure and equipment—

**Ms Farmer** interjected.

**Ms GRACE:** I take that interjection from the Minister for Education, the member for Bulimba. Further, we have: launched You for 2032, Australia's largest ever athlete talent identification program; secured \$2.75 billion from the Albanese government towards direct Sunshine Coast rail, an overall \$5.5 billion investment in transforming South-East Queensland; established our Q2032 Procurement Strategy to help Queensland businesses right across the state get match fit to win government contracts worth an estimated \$180 billion in the lead-up to the games; and established the Games Legacy Committee, of which I chaired a meeting earlier this month, which plays an important role in advising on statewide legacy opportunities. All of these achievements are remarkable, even more so when considering that they are eight years before we hold the games. I remind the House that Sydney 2000 had a master plan only five years before the games.

In just over two months, the eyes of the world will be on Paris. The 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be broadcast to more than 200 nations and territories and reach billions of people. It will bring into closer focus our future opportunity as an Olympic and Paralympic host. The games always grab the attention of our sport loving state. We will be captivated by the performances of our athletes in Paris, including homegrown products such as discus thrower Matt Denny from Toowoomba, Sunshine Coast kayaker Elise Wood and Brisbane water polo star Abby Andrews. Who amongst us cannot wait to see the fabulous Matildas in Cairns and Queensland's own Mary Fowler a vital part of the squad? If I were a child again, I would certainly be buying the Mary Fowler Barbie doll. I would be lining up wherever they were selling, because it looks fantastic.

**Mr McCallum:** Just buy one anyway.

**Ms GRACE:** I will take that interjection; I might buy one anyway. Then there is former Queensland schoolgirl Torrie Lewis, recently crowned as Australia's faster sprinter ever, who will line up with the women's relay team and hopefully also gain an individual athlete's berth. Our support will continue through to the Paralympics shortly after where we will look to cheer on our local swimmers such as Ben Hance, Lakeisha Patterson and Alexa Leary. How inspirational it will be for our young athletes of the future to see their heroes performing on the world stage. For these athletes, I think this will be inspirational to see.

Back here in Queensland, the 2032 games will provide a generational opportunity to transform our state culturally, economically, socially and environmentally. They will deliver more economic activity, more jobs and plenty of legacy infrastructure to benefit Queenslanders in the coming decades. As mentioned earlier, on the Sunshine Coast more than \$300 million in new and upgraded venues will be completed years before the games, providing vital community infrastructure for a fast growing area. Let's not forget future, new and upgraded venues to come in Cairns, the Scenic Rim, Moreton Bay, the Gold Coast and Redlands, just to name a few.

To put on a spectacular games, we know we need to make sure we have all the right people at the table taking a collaborative and cooperative approach. Now is the right time to establish an independent delivery authority that can ensure venues and villages are delivered in time for the games, all while maximising the legacy and benefits. The Games Venue and Legacy Delivery Authority is the right model to do this. The authority will build on the extensive work undertaken since being awarded the games in 2021. It will have a high level of independence and operate at arm's length from government. The authority will have control over its funds, have operational and financial independence and function within a flexible structure.

Our proposed delivery authority is similar to the ones adopted for the highly successful Sydney 2000 and London 2012 games. We have listened to stakeholders' advice that this is the model we should emulate for our games. Importantly, the authority's board will be truly independent. This is because the bill enshrines directly into legislation the requirement for a selection panel comprised of chief executives from the nine games delivery partners. That panel will choose by majority vote who will be on the board. This recommendation is then provided to the government to ratify and formally appoint the board.

As all members of the House would be aware, such appointments need to go through formal government processes and I want to be clear: this process will only occur after the panel has made its recommendations. As far as I am aware, this will be the first time that a selection panel for a board will be written directly into Queensland legislation. While unprecedented, it ensures without doubt that the board will be independent. We support this independence and we are making it happen. The authority will be taking forward the significant work already undertaken on venues to be used during the games. This includes key projects such as the new state-of-the-art Brisbane Arena within Roma Street Parklands and the upgrades to QSAC, Suncorp Stadium and the Gabba. The authority will also deliver the significant program of community sporting infrastructure right across Queensland through the Minor Venues program funded jointly with the Commonwealth to be used by generations to come.

I turn now to the two recommendations made in the committee's report. The committee's first recommendation is that the bill be passed. I thank the committee members on both sides of the House for their support. The committee's second recommendation is that the government consider amending clause 12 of the bill to include the Gold Coast mayor as a member of the organising committee board. I thank the committee for this recommendation. During drafting of the original Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Bill 2021, the federal and Queensland governments agreed that local governments should have an additional representative above what is required under the Olympic host contract. It was considered appropriate for the Lord Mayor to make his nomination on behalf of local governments due to Brisbane City Council being the local government host signatory to the Olympic host contract and the Lord Mayor being the chair of Council of Mayors South East Queensland. However, our government recognises the special role of the Gold Coast in delivering a successful Olympic and Paralympic Games.

After Brisbane, the Gold Coast will be the next most significant council during the games, providing six competition venues that will host 12 events and a village that will host 2,600 athletes. Additionally, the Gold Coast hosted a successful Commonwealth Games in 2018 and we recognise that there is an opportunity for this unique experience to be leveraged by the organising committee to deliver a successful Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2032. It is this experience and enthusiasm that I know Mayor Tate will bring to the table. He has been a champion for the 2032 games from day one. He knows the value the event will bring to the region and the legacy benefits that will flow. For these reasons, we accept the committee's second recommendation and I welcome Mayor Tate.

I note that the members for Lockyer and Burleigh made a statement of reservation to the committee's report. The members raised concerns with clause 27—section 60(1)(c)—of the bill that gives the authority the ability to delegate its functions to any appropriately qualified person. They say that there is no requirement as to who constitutes a qualified person. I thank them for raising the issue; however, that is incorrect. This is because the Acts Interpretation Act defines exactly what this means: 'having the qualifications, experience or standing appropriate to perform the function or exercise the power'. In fact, this delegation power is more limited than the legislation for the London 2012 delivery authority, which simply said 'any other person'. The Acts Interpretation Act comes in and defines the qualifications they need. I thank the members for raising it. I am glad I have been able to correct the record.

The members also questioned whether the delegation could be made to a person outside of government and whether any oversight arrangements will be in place. I can confirm that the provision as drafted would not preclude the authority from delegating a function to a person outside of government. This may be required in some circumstances where the authority works in close partnership with private sector providers to implement value-for-money and timely delivery approaches. This could, for example, include a delivery partner model, which was used by London's Olympic delivery authority and more recently for major infrastructure projects in New South Wales. The importance of being able to effectively use a delivery partner model was highlighted by the Sport Venue Review panel and also in Laing O'Rourke's public submission on the bill, and we would not want to unnecessarily limit this from happening. In other cases, it could be identified through mutual agreement that a local government, government owned corporation or other entity at arm's length from the state is best positioned to deliver a specific venue on behalf of the authority.

The members can rest assured that there are a number of limitations and safeguards to ensure appropriate use of the delegations power. A delegation can be revoked at any time and is generally subject to set conditions. Also, a delegation does not relieve the delegator of their obligation to ensure a function or power is properly performed or exercised. That is, the authority will remain ultimately responsible. The minister will have the power to issue a ministerial direction to the authority regarding a delegation if necessary, and the authority must comply with this.

The members for Lockyer and Burleigh also—again, unfortunately incorrectly—were suggesting that this bill seeks to avoid the right-to-information system. I think I need to point out now that the act as it currently stands was passed with bipartisan support in 2021. These same supposed issues were prosecuted back then, and our response is exactly the same. The bill makes absolutely no change to the RTI Act or to the way in which it is applied. To be clear, the authority will not be exempt from the RTI Act. The authority will be in the same position as any other agency with whom the organising committee has shared information in carrying out its functions. The exclusions in section 13A of schedule 1 of the RTI Act will continue to apply only to documents created or received by the organising committee in carrying out its functions, as distinct from the authority carrying out its functions. Further, the exclusion only applies to the extent a document contains information not already in the public domain that was communicated in confidence by or for relevant Olympics bodies. This limits the

exclusion to specific information rather than the documents in their entirety. These provisions were requested to be included by the international and Australian Olympic committees when the bill was originally debated in 2021. This was to provide these entities, particularly the International Olympic Committee, with the certainty that the corporation can protect the confidentiality of certain commercial, financial and operational information such as sponsorship agreements. Of course, it is the government's expectation that other information held by the authority is proactively released where it is in the public interest to do so and in accordance with the Olympic Host Contract.

The members for Lockyer and Burleigh raised a couple of other matters including the authority's power to direct entities to provide transport infrastructure and judicial review of land planning decisions. I refer the members to my department's response to public submissions, available on the committee's webpage, which addressed these matters at length. It would be better for them to read those because it is a comprehensive response.

I would now like to speak to the three amendments I intend to move during consideration in detail. One is to add the Gold Coast mayor as a director of the organising committee board, in line with the committee's recommendation. The other two are minor drafting amendments. A copy of the amendments has been circulated to members.

The first drafting amendment relates to the drafting of section 53AM, which deals with the authority's requirement to prepare a games coordination plan. Following the introduction of the bill, Brisbane City Council noted that the authority, when making the games coordination plan, may unintentionally impose a commitment on a games delivery partner that is inconsistent with obligations under the Olympic Host Contract or any relevant agreement as defined in the bill. By removing the words 'take reasonable steps to' from clause 20—section 53AM(4)(b)—of the bill, the amendment will make it absolutely clear that the authority cannot impose an obligation on any games delivery partner that is materially different from the host contract or any agreement that allowed the state to enter into the host contract. I had a discussion with the mayor in relation to this. I concurred, and we are more than happy to remove those words. This amendment will hold the authority to a stricter standard in creating the games coordination plan and will ensure the plan aligns with the Olympic Host Contract and associated agreements.

The second drafting amendment is again minor and relates to section 63 of the bill, which deals with the interim chief executive officer. Once established, it is important that the authority is able to continue progressing the significant work already underway on venues to be used during the games. This is why the bill provides for the appointment of an interim CEO for a maximum of 12 months or until the board of the authority appoints a CEO. I am advised that current drafting of the bill results in some doubt about whether the interim CEO has sufficient power to enter into substantive contracts or arrangements such as significant procurement contracts for venues. The proposed amendment consists of a minor wording change to ensure the interim CEO will have the power to enter into any arrangement, just as the permanent CEO will be able to and as originally intended.

I again thank the committee for its prompt consideration of the bill. I also thank all of the organisations and individuals who made submissions. The Miles government has always said that the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games is not just about four weeks of sport. It is also about creating jobs in 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 sport infrastructure to create lasting benefits at a grassroots level under the IOC's New Norm. This next decade is going to be massive for Brisbane and the whole of Queensland, backed by our over \$90 billion Big Build over the next four years alone—part of the biggest decade of infrastructure investment in our state's history.

In 2032 we will see Queensland and all its regions lifted up on the world stage. We will showcase all that our amazing state has to offer, from the reef to the outback, from the country to the city, and how can I leave out our beautiful beaches—the Sunshine Coast, the Gold Coast and right up the coastline, particularly the beautiful waters in the Torres Strait. How beautiful are they?

**Ms Pease:** What about Wynnum?

**Ms GRACE:** Do you want me to add others as well? I am more than happy to take interjections.


**Ms Pease:** Wynnum, Nudgee, Wellington Point.

**Ms GRACE:** Wellington Point—the whole lot.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Ms GRACE:** Okay, enough everybody. I know we have some of the best electorates in the world. I am sure that those who come to Queensland for the Olympic and Paralympic Games are going to benefit from the many beautiful areas that we have. As a government we want to ensure that we get this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity right, and this legislation will help us do exactly that. Consistent with the committee's first recommendation, I commend the bill to the House.

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 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (5.55 pm), in reply: I firstly want to thank all members for their contributions to the debate this afternoon. I say at the outset that when Steven Miles became Premier, he promised two things: that there would be a 60-day review and that an independent games delivery authority would be set up. With this bill, both commitments have now been achieved. When he became Premier he said that we would do this and today we are debating this authority bill. As I said earlier today, the passage of this bill will be an important step in delivering a spectacular Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games that will leave a lasting legacy in communities right across the state, while following the IOC's new norms of the games fitting the place, and not the place fitting the games.

No matter where one lives—whether it is in Far North Queensland, out west, in Central Queensland, in any town or place—if anyone in this House does not have the vision to see what the Olympic and Paralympic Games can deliver for this state then they have no vision at all, in my view. For someone to say we do not need them, that it is a waste and that they cannot understand what being an Olympic and Paralympic city brings to this state—I am sorry, but they do not deserve to hold any position on this side of the House because they would have no vision for this state going forward. I say that with all sincerity.

**Mr Langbroek:** Which of your members are you referring to?

**Ms GRACE:** The games are projected to inject an additional \$4.6 billion in international tourism and trade. I will take that interjection from the member for Surfers Paradise. I say that sincerely. When you have no vision and you cannot understand what something is going to deliver to this state then obviously, forget it. You do not deserve to be on the government benches.

The games are projected to inject an additional \$4.6 billion through international tourism and trade. The games will be broadcast into over 200 countries. Imagine a soccer game being broadcast out of Townsville or Cairns or one of the many regional centres. The whole world—billions of people—will be seeing beautiful Queensland. It is incredible that members opposite cannot see that. There could not be a better worldwide advertisement for Queensland, including, of course, regional Queensland, than hosting the games.

I would like to reiterate how much we have already achieved because it was like listening to a broken record in here. Someone wrote the speech, they all picked it up and said the same thing over and over again. There was no individual thought or spontaneity. The speech was written and, one after another, they got up and said the same broken-record stuff. There are eight years till the games. I have outlined extensively what has occurred. What nonsense it is to come in here, time and time again, and try to mislead the House and convince people that nothing has been done. I will go through some of the more important things that we have done.

In 2021, our government established the Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee and the Olympic and Paralympic Games Legacy Committee with bipartisan support. Oh! They forgot about that. That committee has been meeting. 'Oh, that's right. Yes, I do remember now that you did that.' We negotiated and signed an historic \$7.1 billion investment agreement with the Commonwealth. That does not happen overnight. They could say, 'Oh, that's right. You locked in the funding before you proceeded with some of the venues. That's a really good step forward.' Of course, they say that nothing has been done. We started the procurement process for \$560 million worth of works on the Chandler sports precinct and three Sunshine Coast venues, which collectively will support more than 1,000 local jobs.

Project validation reports—the business cases that they speak about—do not happen overnight. The Sunshine Coast Council undertook years of extensive consultations in that area. It went on for ages. They consulted widely. At the last minute, who jumps out of the barracks? The member for Kawana! He said, 'I don't want the indoor sports centre in my electorate. Put it somewhere else.' Can you imagine anyone on this side of the House, whose area was to receive roughly \$300 million worth of sports investment, turning their back on that and saying, 'Put it somewhere else'? It is absolutely

unbelievable. He said that knowing that the council had held a public meeting. They had been consulting and they had held a public meeting. He said that knowing that the public meeting went ahead and that guarantees were made to the sporting club about their ability to thrive. It is unbelievable how people get up in this House and mislead.

In a press release, Councillor Burns said—

Council will continue to work with the Kawana Dolphins junior and senior rugby league clubs to ensure their move is a successful one.

They had been talking and consulting with them the whole time. He continued—

With the proposed relocation of the Kawana Dolphins to Meridan Fields I do believe that with council's support, the club can thrive.

They had already identified new fields for the club. That is what the press release quoted the local councillor as saying. I believe the member for Kawana was actually next door to where we were having an event but I did not hear any spontaneous applause from that side; I only heard it on our side. The press release quotes the councillor as saying—

At the moment, there are only two fields at Kawana Sports Precinct. The Kawana Dolphins' relocation to Meridan Fields will provide the club with six fields and improved on and off field infrastructure.

Knowing that, the member still wanted it to be built somewhere else. The project validation report—the business case that they insist on—said it was not able to be built where they wanted it to be built. That is exactly what it said. The press release further quotes the councillor as saying—

The club can move towards being based at a much improved, first-class community sporting facility.

That is what the council is promising, but what do we hear from the member for Kawana? Names! All he talks about is names. He wants to rename the rail line the Elizabeth line. He wants to rename the satellite hospitals. Those are the big issues that the member for Kawana always talks about. We are about to build the wonderful Sunshine Coast rail network for \$5.5 billion. If he has his way, maybe he can call it the Duke of Edinburgh line or something like that. I think it was Tony Abbott who gave the Duke a knighthood; can you believe it? That is what people in the Liberal Party do.

Knowing all of that, still they come in here whingeing and whining and saying that it should be built somewhere else. If they have the opportunity, they should stand up in this House and say that that is exactly what they will do. We will let the people of Kawana know exactly what is in store for that club and how they will be more than looked after in relation to the location of the sports centre. I thank those who have a bit more vision than the glass-half-empty member for Kawana.

When it comes to delivering for the Sunshine Coast, we are going to invest nearly \$300 million. The project validation report was the business case that we went on. We are looking forward to the project. President Andrew Liveris, from the OCOG, went out of his way to be there. We were all there announcing the project. Mayor Natoli spoke about how much this investment means. She spoke about it being the largest ever investment in community sporting infrastructure that the region has ever seen. What do we hear from those opposite? They are still whingeing and whining. There is never-ending whingeing and whining. It is like a broken record. I cannot believe that we are still hearing this when we know that the sports club will be looked after. The mayor said—

We'll see our vision for positive Games legacy come to fruition sooner and be enjoyed by our community for longer.

That community will have access to those sporting venues five years ahead of the games. They will be magnificent facilities, but what do I hear from those opposite? Nothing but whingeing and whining! We don't hear that from the member for Caloundra or the member for Nicklin. They are very appreciative and they know what it will do for their community. I am sure that constituents of the member for Caloundra will be using those sporting facilities with no problems. Even if they have to drive for 10 or 20 minutes to get there, I am sure that they will use them.

We are making sure that the delivery authority operates properly. I understand that the member for Kawana has circulated some amendments. I have a copy of them and I thank him for that. None of these amendments are required and we will not be supporting them. The first amendment seeks to ensure that the authority delivers legacy and benefits for all of Queensland, including regional areas. The authority is already required to do that. The bill says 'Queensland'. What do they think Queensland is? Queensland is Queensland. It means all of Queensland. Not for one minute are we suggesting that we have to define 'Queensland'. Queensland is Queensland.

The bill states that the main purpose of the act is to establish the authority to ensure that Queensland is ready to host the games and that legacy and benefits are maximised for Queensland. It is the whole of Queensland and, yes, member for Traeger, even Mount Isa. For this side of the House,

Queensland includes regional Queensland. If those opposite do not think so then we can spell out. Let's put it in. We are already focused on regional Queensland. I will remind members of the venues. We will have venues at Barlow Park in Cairns. We will be extending that stadium and increasing capacity by 5,000. In Townsville we will have a new stadium where the preliminary soccer matches will be held. We will have indoor sports centres at Moreton Bay, Logan, the Wyaralong Flat Water Centre in the Scenic Rim and I could go on.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Ms GRACE:** I hear all of their interjections. They think that the Olympic and Paralympic Games will solve every one of their problems. Every single problem will be resolved with the Olympic and Paralympic Games. If they think that then they are in la-la land. What a fantasy! We are talking about real business here. We are talking about delivering the venues that we need for the IOC and AOC, to deliver the best games in 2032. In response to all this furphy and nonsense from those opposite I say: get a reality check because none of it will happen.

The bill provides diversity in the selection panel, which is extensive. It has a number of CEOs from the various councils. It talks about having diversity on the board. We are not going to support an amendment that says that at least one of the directors of the authority board must live in a regional area. What if we have an absolutely excellent candidate for the authority who comes from regional Queensland but is currently living in Brisbane? Under this amendment they would be ruled out. I do not want to rule anyone in or out. I want the best people and, hand on heart, I would earnestly support a regional person being on the authority board. However, I am not going to insist in the legislation that they live in regional Queensland, particularly if they are in Brisbane for whatever reason but have fantastic regional credentials. We are not supporting that amendment.

Equally, I want to see representation from a range of different people such as First Nations, regional representatives and people from a multicultural background—I would love to see more—but we need the best people on this authority to deliver a big program of work. Given the size, ultimately we have to ensure that the board functions and Queensland's readiness to host the games is paramount.

Then there is the proposal to hold another 100-day review. We have just had a 60-day review. We heard about the new norm and the use of existing venues—we have been there and we have accepted 27 of the recommendations. The only significant one that we have not accepted is the proposal for a new \$3.4 billion stadium at Victoria Park. If I did not know better, I would think that this amendment is the 'Victoria Park stadium amendment'. Those opposite think that in 100 days they are going to have a business case for every single one of these major events, when the consultation and the process takes an amount of time to carry out. If they think they are going to get them in 100 days and make no decisions without a business case, once again they are misleading the people of Queensland. I can tell them it just cannot happen. In my view, this is the 'Victoria Park amendment', 'Give us 100 days and we're going to build the stadium in Victoria Park.' On this side of the House we are going to use existing venues. They will be upgraded. They will be perfect for the games—

**Mr Boothman** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Order, member for Theodore.

**Ms GRACE:**—and they will deliver an outstanding experience for those athletes with legacy. We reject another 100 days of—

**Mr Boothman** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The member for Theodore is warned under the standing orders.

**Ms GRACE:** We want the delivery authority to get on with the job. Even the Brisbane Lord Mayor supports the authority and says—

**Mr Millar** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The member for Gregory is warned under the standing orders.

**Ms GRACE:**—that they should be getting on with the job. That is exactly what we are going to do. We do not accept this. Would those opposite pause the tenders and everything that is going out on the Sunshine Coast? Maybe they would, but we are not going to have any part of that. We want to get on with the job. Speaker after speaker from the other side of the House talks about lost time and then all they want to do is waste more time.

**Mr Hart:** It has been a thousand days.

**Ms GRACE:** They are like a broken record: wasted time, wasted three years. I have been through a series of things. We are building infrastructure in schools for the Olympics. We are out there searching for athletes for the Olympics. It is extraordinary what we have been doing, yet those opposite mislead the House time and time again. Once again, they want to delay it. During this debate I would have loved

to hear just one positive thing from those opposite about the Olympic and Paralympic Games—just one positive thing about what it means for Queensland, what it means for creating jobs in new industries, creating healthy lifestyles—

**Dr Rowan** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The member for Moggill is warned under the standing orders.

**Ms GRACE:**—and capitalising on the uplift in tourism and trade across the state. Honestly, the interjections coming from those opposite are absolute nonsense. They cannot for one second settle down and debate a serious delivery authority that they are going to support. They cannot stop themselves—

**Mr Hart:** Stop whingeing and whining and get on with it.

**Ms GRACE:**—from the nonsense and whining interjections, particularly the member for Burleigh. This is about Queensland taking its rightful place on the world stage and showcasing our amazing state to the world. The independent delivery authority will build on the extensive work this government has done so far, ensuring venues and villages are delivered in time for the games. We have a truly exciting eight years ahead on the road to the biggest event in Queensland's history and I know on this side of the House we cannot wait. We will deliver an outstanding 2032 games. As the Premier promised when he became Premier, we are putting the trust in an independent delivery authority. This bill delivers the best model for that. They can get on with their job, they can be appointed, we can have the CEO and we will deliver those venues. I commend the bill to the House.