




Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MUDGEERABA**

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**BRISBANE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES ARRANGEMENTS AND  
OTHER LEGISLATION BILL**

 **Hon. RM BATES** (Mudgeeraba—LNP) (Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training) (10.51 pm): I rise to tonight to speak to the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024. The bill will implement a number of commitments that the Crisafulli LNP government took to the Queensland people on 26 October—part of our mandate that the Queensland people endorsed. The elements of this bill will deliver on the LNP government's Right Plan for Queensland's Future. The LNP government will respect taxpayers' money, deliver a place to call home through better planning and cooperation with local governments and local communities, and drive government to work for Queenslanders.

These principles represent a fresh start after the chaos and crisis of the former Palaszczuk-Miles Labor government—their repeated budget blowouts, their failures on housing and their secrecy and cover-ups. The bill will end Labor's Olympic and Paralympic Games chaos with the establishment of the Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority, delivering on our commitment to appoint the authority within our first month of government.

The independent authority was part of the original Olympic and Paralympic Games bid. Like everything else during their time in office, Labor walked away from delivering on that commitment. The independent authority will consider all infrastructure and venue requirements for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, including transport requirements, legacy and benefits for all Queenslanders. The LNP government will end Labor's over 1,200 days of chaos, with the independent authority to report within 100 days.

Under the Miles Labor government, Queensland would be spending \$1.6 billion on the temporary facilities that would not be value for money or deliver legacy infrastructure. We have seen Labor's cost blowouts for three of the smaller venues of more than \$180 million. Then there is another Labor blowout of \$500 million on the plans for the Brisbane Arena. In stark contrast, under the LNP government, through the independent authority's 100-day review, the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be a world-class event that delivers a lasting legacy for Queensland and generational infrastructure across our state, on time and on budget.

As we have already seen, Labor's budget blowouts and mismanagement have not just affected the Olympic and Paralympic Games. We have seen Labor's Pioneer-Burdekin Pumped Hydro hoax, which Labor originally said would cost \$12 billion but, in fact, would have cost Queenslanders \$36 billion. We have seen over \$6 billion on Labor's unfunded expanded hospital expansions across projects that have commenced and contracts that have yet to be awarded.

**Mr deBRENNI:** I rise to a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker, in relation to relevance. The member is straying well outside the long title of the bill and matters contained in the amendments in the bill and I would ask you to draw her back to the detail of these particular amendments.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Krause): I have heard your point of order. As it turns out, Manager of Opposition Business, I was seeking advice from the clerk at the table at the very moment you raised your point of order, so I apologise that I did not hear exactly what the member for Mudgeeraba was saying. However, I will, in that context, give advice to the member for Mudgeeraba to remain relevant to the long title of the bill. We will be listening carefully from here on in to make sure that is the case.

**Ms BATES:** This is the record of the Miles Labor government and the member for Woodridge when he was treasurer when it comes to disrespecting hardworking Queensland taxpayers. How could the member for Woodridge—the former shareholding minister for Powerlink—not have known the true \$9 billion cost while he was saying publicly in August—

**Mr de BRENNI:** I rise to a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I assume it is the same point of order you are making on relevance?

**Mr de BRENNI:** Standing order 236 is quite clear. I understand the latitude that you gave to the member previously. I think she ignored that opportunity that you gave her deliberately.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** You do not need to make that accusation or reflection, Manager of Opposition Business. I will take some advice. Member for Mudgeeraba, having taken some advice, I would ask that you please return to the long title of the bill and the elements of the bill.

**Ms Fentiman** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Waterford, your interjection is not required and is disorderly given that I have—

**Ms Boyd** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** As is yours, member for Pine Rivers. I am still giving a ruling. You are warned, as are you, member for Waterford, for interrupting me while I am giving a ruling. Member for Mudgeeraba, please remain relevant to the bill and any amendments that have been foreshadowed.

**Ms BATES:** Unlike Labor, the Crisafulli LNP government will respect taxpayers' money and deliver our commitments on time and on budget. Much of the problem with blowouts we have seen under Labor can be boiled down to one thing: their cosy sweetheart deals with the CFMEU. The LNP government supports good pay and conditions and safe workplaces for all Queenslanders, but we will not allow the CFMEU to push up the costs of infrastructure, housing, road and rail. We have paused the best practice industry conditions, the BPICs, on new government funded construction projects to boost productivity, ending Labor's CFMEU tax.

**Mr de BRENNI:** I rise to a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker, in relation to standing order 236 and relevance and the tedious approach the minister is taking to this. I acknowledge that, on a number of occasions, you have sought to bring her back to the detail of the bill. I think there is a point at which a line ought to be drawn, Mr Deputy Speaker.

**Dr ROWAN:** I rise to a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker, in relation to standing order 236. The member for Mudgeeraba is making a contribution which is referencing the CFMEU and the elements in relation to industrial relations. I put forward that point. While I am making my point of order, I would also reference that the member for Waterford has interjected in relation to the point of order.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I will take some advice. Member for Mudgeeraba, I consider that you are being broadly relevant to the bill and its overall context. Member for Waterford, would you please withdraw and apologise for your outburst during the point of order.

**Ms FENTIMAN:** I withdraw.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Thank you, member for Waterford, for aiding the House.

**Ms BATES:** We will restore productivity to building sites through the restoration of the Productivity Commission by the end of this year, with its first order of business to be a regulatory review into the building industry. The bill will also put an end to the CFMEU's cultural practice of bullying and intimidation on Queensland worksites by reinstating at least 24 hours notice before work health and safety entry permit holders can enter a workplace.

The LNP government will strengthen our Public Service so that we can deliver the programs and services that Queenslanders need in urban, regional, rural and remote areas. This is the fresh start that Queenslanders voted for on 26 October. The LNP government will continue to deliver the right plan to deliver a fresh start. I commend the bill to the House.