




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 **Mr BAILLIE** (Townsville—LNP) (4.38 pm): I am excited that, in just 150 days, thanks to the Crisafulli government, the Brisbane 2032 Olympics has grown into the Queensland 2032 games. The people I represent in the proud electorate of Townsville are excited, because the city of Townsville will be an Olympic city in 2032. The 2032 Olympics will be Queensland's games and Townsville will have front-row seats. The sailing events will be shared between the jewels in Queensland's tourism crown—Townsville and the Whitsundays—and we will be hosting football games in our world-class stadium.

The Queensland 2032 Olympics acknowledges that there is more to Queensland than the south-east corner. It recognises that regions contribute to Queensland and provide an opportunity for us to participate in the biggest sporting event on the planet. It recognises what the regions contribute to the Queensland economy by way of resources, agriculture and tourism. Five billion people tuned into the Paris Games. Imagine 10 billion eyes looking at Townsville. Our stunning natural landscapes of Magnetic Island and Pallarenda, as well as our city's popular Strand, will capture the hearts and minds of those watching at home and promote even more tourism to our great part of Queensland. Whilst hosting the Olympics is exciting, perhaps even more significant for North Queenslanders is the investment opportunities this brings. If we are to host the games, athletes and spectators need to be able to get to our region and we look forward to the Bruce Highway upgrades as part of the \$9 billion investment between Brisbane and Cairns. Once visitors get there they will be looking to do something and that is why we will be leveraging the 20-year tourism plan for new offerings and local businesses, from hospitality to retail, set to benefit from a significant economic uplift.

After we invest in the games, we want our community to enjoy the investment and benefits for years to come and that is why local grassroots community clubs stand to benefit from the share in the \$250 million Games On! program. Townsville hits well above its weight when it comes to sporting excellence. Investment in grassroots clubs means we will continue to do so for years to come as we look to 2032. Athletes like Tori West and Nash Lowis continue to inspire and underscore Townsville's role as a breeding ground for champions. The Crisafulli government is a government focused on getting things done. We promised to sort out the Olympics. We promised to do the work. We promised a detailed plan. We promised to fix the mess. We promised our games would deliver a legacy for future generations. We promised to deliver a plan for all Queenslanders and that is just what we have done so let us get on with it.