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PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Ipswich, Olympic and Paralympic Games

 **Ms MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (2.32 pm): 'No matter where people are in Queensland, this is a delivery plan that matters,' he said. 'It is a plan for every Queensland, in every corner of Queensland. It is going to be great,' he said. When the Deputy Premier uttered those sentences in the last sitting week, the people of Ipswich collectively choked, because there is a corner of Queensland—a growing corner of Queensland—that barely got a mention in the Crisafulli government's delivery plan for the Olympics and Paralympics.

Under Labor, Brighton Homes Arena in Springfield, or Ipswich stadium as it was called for Olympic purposes, was a guaranteed venue for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games to host the modern pentathlon. Currently, the stadium is the home of the mighty Brisbane Lions Women's AFL team—a fantastic facility supported and funded by Labor governments at both the state and federal levels. What we now find is that the same Ipswich stadium is on a list of existing venues which may be used—not will be used, may be used. Ipswich has not one guaranteed sport for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and no certainty that it will get a sport. There is also no other infrastructure announced for the Ipswich region—no transport infrastructure like progressing the Ipswich to Springfield rail line or funding for the Centenary Motorway, no other facilities, nothing. To be fair, there was \$2 million announced for grassroots sports in Ipswich, which is great, except when you look closer it turns out that was just the LNP's election commitments which its losing candidates announced and it now has packaged up those commitments to pad out its plan.

The person I feel really sorry for is the LNP mayor of Ipswich who is actually on the Olympic organising committee and was forced to defend this pathetic level of investment in our city. I mean, she was slathering lipstick on that pig and asking it to model. I would like the Deputy Premier to listen to our corner of Queensland about what people really think of their delivery plan, and these are some of the direct comments responding to the mayor's Facebook post on the delivery plan announcement—

I have been a supporter of you Teresa. You have however dropped the ball on this. The Premier giving you 2 million to keep quiet. It's pathetic and spitting in the face of all sports loving people in the Ipswich city council area—not one even secured, wow.

Another person said—

Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and even Toowoomba received major announcements and infrastructure upgrades and nothing for Ipswich.

Another person said—

So 2 million out of 7 billion—it's like me owning 1 share of woolworths and calling myself a co-owner. Is this like a deliberate mockery of Ipswich?

Plenty of people just commented, 'Pathetic'. I concur. It is pathetic, but the people of Ipswich should expect nothing less from the Crisafulli government.