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**PLANNING (SOCIAL IMPACT AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT) AND OTHER
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (9.22 pm): I rise to address the Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025. This legislation is yet another example of the Crisafulli Liberal National Party state government's commitment to delivering for Queenslanders in a way that is responsible, community focused and forward looking. Whether it is restoring trust in the planning process, delivering more homes for Queenslanders or ensuring we deliver a games legacy that we can all be proud of, this legislation represents the meaningful reform that Queenslanders voted for and deserve.

I want to begin by focusing on the reforms associated with the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. As we all know, the former Labor government presided over more than three years of delay, backflips and dysfunction when it came to games planning and delivery. By doing that they jeopardised having a successful games. The former Labor state government failed to see a single shovel in the ground after 1,200 days. They failed to appoint a board to the delivery authority and failed to fund core infrastructure like the athletes villages. That is why Queenslanders voted for change—and they voted for decisive change in October last year. They voted for a state government that would restore competence, credibility and confidence in our state's ability to deliver a games that showcases the very best of Queensland to the world.

The 2032 Delivery Plan released by the Crisafulli LNP state government sets out a clear and practical vision. We are focused on not only delivering venues and transport infrastructure but also maximising the legacy—a legacy that has the potential to span decades and generations. Importantly, this legislation gives the delivery authority the clarity and structure it needs to carry out its role. It outlines the authority's responsibilities for venue delivery and formalises the oversight mechanisms necessary to keep projects on track. This legislation also ensures planning pathways are streamlined so that we can deliver critical infrastructure on time whilst retaining appropriate oversight and transparency.

As the state member for Moggill, many local residents have shared with me their relief to finally see a competent state government that is delivering a games vision that is achievable, inspiring and grounded in legacy outcomes. I have spoken with many local sporting clubs and community groups and what is clear is that people are energised by the opportunities that are ahead, including opportunities for new infrastructure, better sporting facilities and real investment for our communities. For our young Queenslanders in particular, the 2032 games will be a defining moment, not only as spectators or fans but even as participants, volunteers, athletes or leaders of tomorrow.

In fact, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the 50 young leaders from schools across our state who came to the Queensland parliament yesterday for the state budget. In particular, it was terrific to welcome local Kenmore State High School captains, Yuna Kim and Liezel-Marie Roux, to our parliament as they took part in a number of events throughout the day. I know that the Minister for Education certainly enjoyed having them here at the parliament. I also want to give a special acknowledgement to Liezel-Marie who will later this year travel to Winnipeg in Canada to represent

Australia at the 2025 World Archery Youth Championships and shortly thereafter travel to Christchurch in New Zealand where she will be competing on behalf of our country in the Trans-Tasman Challenge. Liezel-Marie's remarkable dedication and sporting success truly embodies the spirit of our next generation of athletes. Her journey to represent Australia on the world stage, in both Winnipeg and Christchurch, is not only a source of immense local pride but also a powerful reminder of what is possible when young Queenslanders are given the right opportunities and support.

With the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games on the horizon we are entering a golden era for sport and participation in our state. These games are not just about international competition; they are about inspiring young Queenslanders like Liezel-Marie to dream big, train hard and know that the world stage is within their reach. Through the generational infrastructure the Crisafulli LNP state government is delivering and the legacy we are building, local sporting clubs, schools and communities right across Queensland will be better placed to nurture the next generation of champions.

Turning to other measures within this legislation, this bill also ensures that our planning system is fairer and more responsive to the needs of regional communities. For too long large-scale wind and solar projects have been approved without sufficient consultation or regard for local impacts. Labor left regional Queensland exposed to a planning scheme that treated these communities as an afterthought, with optional consultation, limited rights of appeal and no guarantee of community benefit. The reforms to the Planning Act 2016 finally correct this imbalance. Through a structured mandatory community benefit system we are placing social licence at the forefront of this planning process. Proponents will be required to engage meaningfully with host communities and deliver benefits that match the scale of their developments. Local governments will now have greater influence and be supported by clear statutory guidelines that enhance transparency and accountability. We are seeing renewable energy proponents that already go above and beyond, but this bill will ensure that level of commitment becomes the norm and not the exception. By formalising these agreements we build trust, provide certainty and, most importantly, ensure that local and regional Queenslanders see lasting, positive legacies from hosting such major infrastructure.

This is about restoring fairness and bringing Queensland's planning system into line with community expectations. It is not right that suburban communities have rigorous planning protections whilst regional communities are left without. What Labor failed to do over a decade, the Crisafulli LNP government has delivered within its first 100 days.

Finally, I briefly acknowledge the amendments to the Queensland Building and Construction Commission Act 1991. These amendments are critical for maintaining home owner protections under the Queensland Home Warranty Scheme. A recent QCAT ruling created significant uncertainty about whether protections apply in cases where contracts are verbal or informal. This has understandably caused concern in the community. As the state member for Moggill, over many years I have heard from residents about their concerns with the QBCC. Queenslanders need to know they are protected, that the QBCC has their back and that their homes and financial security are not vulnerable because of a technicality. These amendments will restore the original intent of the scheme, confirm the validity of past QBCC actions and ensure consumers are protected moving forward, regardless of the formality of their contract. This is a sensible, measured response and one that will help maintain public trust in the building industry.

In closing, I congratulate the Deputy Premier and his team on this important legislation. It enshrines fairness in planning processes, protects home owners and provides the legal and structural foundations needed to make the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games a defining success story. I commend the bill to the House.