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Productivity

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (9.50 am): Our government is delivering a plan for Queensland's future. The Olympic and Paralympic Games are a golden opportunity for our state. Done right, the legacy of the games will serve Queenslanders for generations to come, delivering jobs, investment and infrastructure across every part of Queensland. But to deliver the homes, hospitals, roads, schools and public transport projects and the Olympic and Paralympic venues we need, productivity must improve.

Under the former Labor government, productivity in this state went backwards. The cost of infrastructure projects blew out. Projects were delayed or never delivered at all. Our state's housing market became crippled by a lack of supply and an affordability crisis. Queenslanders are paying the price.

Our government promised to restore respect for taxpayers' money and we promised to be a government that works for Queenslanders. That is what we are delivering for Queensland. It is why our government initiated the landmark Commission of Inquiry into the CFMEU and Misconduct in the Construction Industry. We are learning more about the CFMEU's influence on major construction sites as well as their influence on former Labor ministers. Many are still here. The inquiry has already shown the CFMEU's influence has had a real and measurable impact: fewer homes, higher prices, commuters waiting on roads, and patients waiting on hospitals.

Let me be clear: the government will not tolerate unlawful behaviour and intimidation. We want an environment where builders can build, where contractors can compete fairly, and where workers are safe and respected without projects being held hostage.

We have already permanently removed BPIC which drove up costs and drove productivity down. We have already started delivering for Queensland: more beds through our Hospital Rescue Plan, more land for housing through the Land Activation and Residential Activation funds, upgrades to the Bruce Highway and other key infrastructure projects across the state—real progress—and a plan to deliver the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. It will take time to undo a decade of decline under Labor, but we will continue to deliver the fresh start we promised.