



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### **Olympic and Paralympic Games, Infrastructure; Sports Darling Downs Awards; Banks, Branch Closures**

 **Hon. DC JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (9.30 pm): For 1,200 days, the former Labor government wasted time in getting ready for the games in 2032. That is the simple truth of what happened for all of that time. When we formed government and we decided how we would approach the games in 2032, one thing was clear: we would be taking the games regional. We would be taking the benefits of the games regionally so that local communities could enjoy the possibilities and the promise of an Olympic Games in 2032, together with all of that supporting infrastructure that would come with it—whether it be road, rail or community services infrastructure.

Last week we heard about Rockhampton. I see the member for Rockhampton, and she made it clear today that there will be rowing on the Fitzroy in Rockhampton. Tonight I want to make it clear that in 2032 the equestrian will be in Toowoomba. We are not going to take any notice of what Sweden might have to say about where the equestrian should be. We will be getting it built in time and we will be making sure the equestrian is where it belongs in 2032, which is Toowoomba.

On Saturday night I had the pleasure of being at the Sports Darling Downs awards. I want to congratulate Brayden and Sienna in the seniors and Bryce and Xanthee in the juniors as the key winners at the Sports Darling Downs awards. We got to hear from Chris Burton, an old family friend of mine who grew up just down the road on the family farm and went on to win a silver medal in Paris in equestrian. He is the ambassador for the Toowoomba Equestrian Centre and he does an outstanding job in flying the flag for us. I want to comment on his humble presentation on the night. He has walked across the global stage in a high-stakes sport, yet his humility was on display. We are very fortunate to have him supporting us and the effort at the showgrounds to get it built ready for the equestrian.

Speaking of the equestrian at the Toowoomba Showgrounds, I want to comment on the People First Bank because they sponsor the Toowoomba Showgrounds. Tonight I want to call on the People First Bank, which have now abandoned their heartland and have closed branches at Millmerran, Pittsworth and Oakey. Oakey and Pittsworth no longer have any banking services. There are many other branches being closed, including Goondiwindi, Laidley, Maryborough and Hervey Bay. We have petitions running because our community members are outraged by these branch and mini-branch closures. Regional and rural communities deserve banking services. They deserve better than what People First Bank and the big banks are offering up. We will not take it anymore.