




Speech By
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 **Mr J KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (4.41 pm): That was exciting! That was almost as exciting as a video by the member for Mackay. I am going to be watching that one on the playback later on. I will tell you what else was exciting: watching the member for Bonney, a man who got a hat-trick for not being able to—

Mr BAILLIE: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence and I ask him to withdraw.

Mr J KELLY: I withdraw. I will tell you what was exciting: the member for Bonney, the man who got a hat-trick for not being able to answer a question in question time without ending up on the front page of the *Courier-Mail*, paying sycophantic homage to his mate, the chief NIKBY of Queensland—not in Kawana's backyard. Has he not got form for that? He loves talking about infrastructure, but, 'Don't come near Kawana'—

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Greenslopes!

Mr J KELLY:—'with any infrastructure. We don't want infrastructure in our back'—

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Greenslopes, if you had spoken through the chair you might have seen that I was trying to call you to order. Nothing that you have mentioned so far I have seen in this motion. I would ask you to come back to the Olympics.

Mr J KELLY: With respect, I was responding to statements by the member for Bonney in relation to calling another member on this side of the House a NIMBY. I thought it was appropriate to respond to that. I will move on for the benefit of the House.

Tonight in this very House we already have an Olympic gold happening. We have an Olympic gold for wasting parliamentary time. It goes to the LNP. I do not like to declare winners, but I am going to declare winners tonight. I have had to sit through two bills now that have exactly two provisions in them. Maybe you should have put them into an omnibus bill and brought them before this House. All you are doing is wasting parliamentary time. That is exactly what you are doing with this tonight—wasting parliamentary time.

I will not let history be rewritten by the LNP. Let us have a look at the history. If the LNP had won in 2015 we would not be having this debate right now because there would be no Olympic Games. Every single member on this side of the House supports the Olympic Games. Be in no doubt of that, members on that side of the chamber. Every single member on this side of the House supports the Olympics. We got the Olympics. We backed the South-East Queensland Council of Mayors and we got the Olympics. We were building the infrastructure. If it was down to the members on that side of the House, they would not have been building any of the infrastructure. We created jobs, we got through COVID and we were creating a clean energy future—all of the things that contributed to this state being awarded the Olympics. If it had been down to those opposite, if they had been here in 2015, they would

all be sitting around in 1 William Street—which would be the only thing they had ever built—looking at each other and saying, ‘I wonder why we missed out on the Olympics. Maybe because we sacked all the public servants, destroyed the economy, called COVID a hoax and didn’t believe in climate change. Maybe that would be the reason we didn’t get the Olympics.’

This side of the House absolutely supports the Olympics. People in my electorate are saying stop the politics, stop the nonsense of this motion, and get on with the job. We are going to deliver a fantastic Olympics in this state. It will be a legacy for our state going forward.