




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Ipswich, Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (9.06 pm): The LNP Crisafulli government has delivered what can only be described as an Olympic-sized snub to the city of Ipswich when it comes to its Olympic plan. Whilst there are literally billions and billions of dollars for state-of-the-art sporting infrastructure and for lasting transport infrastructure for other areas in South-East Queensland and, indeed, throughout regional Queensland, Ipswich has been left with practically nothing. We have heard the shiny new stadium announcement of almost \$4 billion for Victoria Park after the Premier gave an ironclad guarantee that there would be no new stadiums, so we will park that broken promise.

We have seen the announcement of new sporting infrastructure for the Redlands, for Logan, for Moreton Bay. For the Sunshine Coast there is transport infrastructure. There is going to be a state-of-the-art, world-class equestrian centre in Toowoomba for the Olympic Games that people will need to drive through Ipswich to get to, but Ipswich itself will get nothing. That is evidence of the contempt that this LNP government holds the city of Ipswich in when it comes to the delivery of the Olympic Games. There is no guarantee that we will even be holding—

Mr Mander interjected.

Mr McCALLUM: I take the interjection from the sports minister, who is one of the key ministers responsible for the snub of Ipswich—

Mr Mander interjected.

Mr McCALLUM:—although I do not necessarily blame the sports minister because he has trouble counting to six when it comes to tackle counts.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr McCALLUM: One knows that it is a deliberate snub because it is the Premier and the Deputy Premier whose hand-picked Olympic panel decided to deliver absolutely nothing to Ipswich, nothing for Brighton Homes Arena, nothing in terms of upgraded infrastructure. Maybe we will not see an Olympic sport there. There is nothing for the Springfield to Ipswich rail loop which would have been and should have been an excellent long-lasting transport project that our city deserves and needs. Shame on the Crisafulli government.