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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (4.58 pm): Recently, the member for Algerie, the member for Woodridge and I attended the Browns Plains Little Athletics end-of-year celebrations. It was fantastic because in Little Athletics the kids spend all year with each other, so as soon as the second prize was announced they knew who the winner was. I gave out the bronze medal first and when the silver medallist was announced there was a frisson of excitement because they knew who had won the gold medal.

Things will be different on the government front bench because they all want to be congratulated. They all want to be covered with gold medals, even though they have constructed nothing for Queenslanders. They are thick with self-congratulations but they do not get it. The Olympics is not about them, even though the member for Whitsunday said that we should be spending an hour congratulating them. It is the Olympians who will make this Olympics special. In 2032 in Brisbane, we are going to witness an extraordinary explosion of talent and fantastic performances. That is what I am excited about. I am not excited about self-congratulatory motions introduced by this government, who think it is all about them and not the athletes. That is what is so ridiculous about this debate.

I also note that there was some disappointment in our area that the rowing in Wyaralong Dam in the Scenic Rim was cancelled. The member for Gladstone expressed some legitimate concerns about some of the technical aspects of the rowing competition being held in the Fitzroy River in Rockhampton. I hope that those concerns are not realised. We all hope that because Rocky is a great place. The Scenic Rim is a great place too and we feel that they have taken away our little bit of the Olympics. Wyaralong Dam will always be there. It is the home of Queensland rowing. It is a fantastic place. It does not have any of the currents that the Fitzroy River can have, which is a great place too.

I just want them to get on with it and do it right. There are serious questions to answer, and Wyaralong Dam is there. I notice the member for Scenic Rim has been silent about this. Obviously, they have taken away Olympic events from his regional area. We want it to be a great Olympics, and that is why we are asking them to get on with the job and to stop the self-congratulations. They put forward their master plan. Now it is entirely theirs to actually get beyond—

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