




Speech By
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 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (5.06 pm): David Crisafulli is obsessed with the Olympics. For the past four weeks, he has spoken about nothing but the Olympics. While Queenslanders are struggling with the cost of living—

Ms SIMPSON: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The member is not using appropriate titles in this House. I draw your attention to the standing orders and the conventions.

Mr SPEAKER: That is correct. I will ask the member for Waterford to use the correct titles.

Ms FENTIMAN: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Queenslanders are struggling with the cost of living, with ambulance ramping and with housing shortages, yet this Premier has spoken endlessly about the Olympics. He is completely obsessed. He has blown his budget on advertising. In his schmick high-production campaign video, he even forked out for Rupert McCall to write a poem, but there is absolutely no detail, especially around costings.

The Premier has said that he would stay within the \$7.1 billion funding envelope, but the Premier has also said he needs the federal government's \$2.5 billion for the new colosseum at Victoria Park. He has also said that he wants the private sector to chip in for Victoria Park. He has had more answers on how he will fund this delivery plan than creditors left out of pocket by his training company. It is absolutely outrageous that he cannot answer simple questions about how this delivery plan will be funded.

If the private sector does chip in for Victoria Park, what will Queenslanders have to pay the private sector in return? I note this was actually mentioned in the GIICA review report, and I trust that the government will remain faithful to the review's advice when it comes to the funding envelope. It states—

GIICA acknowledges the Queensland government advice that any such private sector participation will be treated as government debt. It will therefore not increase the size of the available funding envelope.

The Premier has also said that we will give away the Goprint site in Woolloongabba to a developer if they build the arena. As the Leader of the Opposition has said, it was disappointing to not see the much needed arena in this plan. How much will the government have to chip in for the arena? As the Leader of the Opposition has said, every proposal has stated it needs government funding to be viable. How much will Queenslanders get in return for handing over two pieces of prime real estate? How much will Queenslanders have to pay in an ongoing lease to keep the arena afloat?

The Premier also announced that Sunshine Coast heavy rail would not go to Maroochydore as promised. We were all deafened by the member for Buderim's contribution, but I note he did not talk about the broken promise. I will tell members who is going to get a gold medal in these Olympics. It will be the Premier for breaking promises. That is what has happened here. The member for Caloundra must be most put out about this as she said—

We absolutely must take the heavy rail all the way to Maroochydore. We cannot afford this not to happen.

I move the following amendment—

After 'Plan' add 'and commits to support the development of Queensland and Australian athletes and para-athletes.'

Mr BLEIJIE: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Time had expired before the motion had been finished so there is no amendment.

Ms Fentiman: No, I had put the motion well within the time limit.

Mr Bleijie: Your time was up. The amendment cannot be moved.

Mr SPEAKER: There will be no quarrelling across the chamber. The member started to move the amendment before the time had expired. You will have a vote on it.