



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR EVERTON**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Olympic and Paralympic Games, Games On! Program**

 **Hon. TL MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games) (2.23 pm): We want to ensure all Queenslanders enjoy the legacy benefits that come from hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Brisbane in 2032. That is why, prior to the election, we announced the \$250 million Games On! program to invest in community sports infrastructure right across the state. Games On! will build enthusiasm and pride for the games no matter where you live. We believe in the transformative power of sport to support kids' physical and mental health and to deter at-risk youth from crime and violence. Games On! is a community Olympic and Paralympic Games legacy fund aimed at boosting participation in grassroots sport right across Queensland in the lead-up to 2032 and beyond. This program will ensure local clubs will benefit from clubhouse or canteen upgrades, new change room facilities, lighting or new fields in courts. We want to ensure the Olympic legacy is felt right across this state.

We want children, like the students we have here today in the gallery, no matter where they live in this state to be able to point to facilities in their local area with pride and say, 'We got that because we got the Olympic and Paralympic Games'. Then in the future, when they have reached the pinnacle of their sport, they may look back and say, 'It all started here in my local club.' So far we have committed to more than 125 projects and we will deliver on every single one of them—no matter where that commitment was made and whether it was made by a successful candidate or an unsuccessful LNP candidate.

Labor's track record on investment in sport was nothing short of shambolic. During the election campaign, our Games On! commitments had Labor members scrambling across the state to match our commitments. Let's take the Pine Rivers Football Club for example. The club has been approaching the member for Pine Rivers for years. She has ignored their needs and abandoned hardworking volunteers. Then during the 2024 state election campaign, the LNP committed \$3.8 million to upgrade the change rooms that were left derelict by the member for Pine Rivers. It is only after that commitment that the member for Pine Rivers scurried back to that club to make a last-ditch effort. Now she has the temerity to get on Facebook and claim she is the one who is delivering it. We had the member for Aspley scurrying to make a commitment to the Aspley Hornets after we made a commitment there. Then we have the member for Stafford who has left the Stafford Brothers Junior Rugby League Football Club in the dark for years by not providing lights because that's what they do at football clubs—they leave them in the dark. We will deliver on that promise, as well.

The Games On! program is all about Olympic and Paralympic legacy so that people in our communities can have sporting facilities that will encourage young people to be involved in sport and to become the Olympians and the Paralympians of the future.