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 **Hon. TL MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games) (9.55 am): I ask every member in this House: what does 2032 mean for you? The Crisafulli government is working to deliver a strategy to help shape the future of sport in Queensland. We want to make Queensland the indisputable home of Australian sport.

We know Queenslanders love their sport, but it is concerning that less than half of Queensland's adults are active at least three times a week, with almost 20 per cent not active at all. What is even more concerning is that around 30 per cent of Queensland's children are not physically active outside of school hours. This is not the legacy we want for our state, but this is the legacy that Labor left us.

With the 2032 games just seven years away our government will shape the future of sport in this state and make sure the benefits are felt by all Queenslanders, and we will deliver the games that Queenslanders deserve. Unlike those opposite, we appreciate this golden opportunity. Physical activity should be a central part of everyday life for Queenslanders. That is why we are asking Queenslanders: what does 2032 mean for you? We have been travelling across the state to hear directly from Queenslanders—in Brisbane, in Roma, at the Gold Coast, in Emerald, at the Sunshine Coast and in Cairns—and soon we will be heading to Townsville and Mackay.

The feedback so far has been tremendous, with people telling us about their new ideas to attract, recognise and retain volunteers. They have shared thoughts on how to support the update of technology to modernise the sporting industry, how to enable greater collaboration across the sector and innovative ways to engage and inspire the next generation of participants. It is clear there has been no meaningful investment to address barriers to grassroots participation over the last decade. It is my goal to foster a culture where participation is easy, supported and celebrated, whether on the pitch, in a gym, in a park or at home. That is why we have launched our Games On! program, but we know there is still work to do.

People want our talented athletes supported from the get-go—from when they first show promise through to when they enter our high-performance programs—and they want to champion new ways to attract more events to their communities. We want a plan rooted in opportunity, excellence and inclusivity. We are asking Queenslanders: what is needed for you to be more active, and what do the legacies of staging a successful games look like for you where you live?

The LNP is committed to Queenslanders living healthier lives, stronger communities and a more active and confident generation. The positive impacts of sport are paramount in addressing the challenges of youth crime and health—two crises that were left to us by the previous government. During our consultations we heard from some of our state's superstars—Marnus Labuschagne, Emily Seebohm, Taylor Smith and Rachael Watson—that sport is more than just competition; it is a driver of physical and mental wellbeing, a tool for social cohesion and a source of Queensland pride, yet many people remain excluded by geography, opportunity, direction, cost and appropriate infrastructure.

The feedback that we are receiving will help us build a long-term vision for sport in Queensland and shape the direction of funding over the next seven years and beyond. Consultation is open until Sunday, 15 June. Please spread the word at your local club because we want to hear from all Queenslanders. Unlike those opposite, we will listen. In my last parliamentary opportunity before the big game next week, I have only one thing to say: Queenslander!