




Speech By
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**PLANNING (SOCIAL IMPACT AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT) AND OTHER
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Hon. TL MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games) (3.15 pm): Yesterday, following the delivery of the budget by the Treasurer, if we learned one thing it is that the member for Woodridge has absolutely zero credibility when it comes to anything to do with finances. For that matter, he has zero credibility when it comes to anything to do with ministerial responsibility. He proved that again in the contribution that he just made. The member for Woodridge described the process that the Deputy Premier has gone through as 'rushed' and 'with haste'. I use the words 'decisive', 'definitive', 'positive' and 'certain'. The reason that this government has acted with such character traits is because of the 1,300 wasted days of disorganised and chaotic decision-making which led the people of Queensland, at the last state election, to say in a very clear way: just get on with it. That is what we are doing.

I rise to speak about the aspects of this bill that refer to the Olympic and Paralympic Games, which will be an unbelievable opportunity for this state. I support this bill as it will put us firmly back on track to deliver an Olympic and Paralympic Games that Queenslanders can be proud of. It will live up to the hopes and expectations of communities across our great state. This bill will ensure that we deliver a games for all of Queensland and the games that Queenslanders deserve.

After 1,300 days of chaos and indecision, our government has wasted no time in getting on with it. Within just 30 days of taking government, we tasked the Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority with delivering a comprehensive 100-day review. We then delivered the 2032 Delivery Plan based on the outcomes of that review. Today, only a few short months after the release of our plan, we are debating legislation to implement that plan and to just get on with it.

This is what delivery looks like—not delay. The lasting impact of Brisbane 2032 will be felt across every community, every schoolyard and every local club across our great state. Our 2032 Delivery Plan lays out a clear path forward: a \$7.1 billion venue capital works program will deliver a new Brisbane stadium, a national aquatics centre, enhanced tennis facilities and a dedicated para-sport facility at Chandler, just to name a few, all with fiscal discipline. However, it is the plan's reach into regional Queensland that I am personally excited about, as is the Crisafulli government.

While the games will be a global event, its success will undoubtedly be measured by the local impact it leaves behind across our regions. In Rockhampton, the Fitzroy River rowing infrastructure and athletes village will not only host games events; they will unlock community assets and new sporting tourism opportunities. In Cairns, the upgrade to Barlow Park will position the city to host more Rugby League and football events and inspire the next generation of athletes. Townsville will co-host sailing with the Whitsundays and stage Olympic football games, infusing new vibrancy into North Queensland's sporting scene. On the Sunshine Coast, upgrades to the Kawana stadium and mountain bike trails, plus the Wave transport link, will support multi-sport events and boost everyday community access. The reforms in this bill will mean that work on those local projects can get moving. They will be projects with real impact for our regions—no more delays.

Mr Watts: Don't leave out the equestrian centre.

Mr MANDER: I take the interjection from the member for Toowoomba North. Who could forget the equestrian centre or the archery facilities in Maryborough—no more delays. This bill does not stop there. It will streamline games related governance and allow games related decisions to be made more quickly, with greater clarity and direction. In particular, streamlining the organising committee board will make it more agile and better placed to guide the organising committee to deliver an incredible games. Crucially, the new Games Leadership Group enshrined in the bill will ensure the games is delivered with a cohesive strategic direction across the three levels of government, the infrastructure authority and the organising committee to ensure consideration is given to the legacy of Olympic infrastructure and its positive interaction with the Queensland communities they service.

These governance changes will enable the focus to shift to where it belongs: getting on with delivering one of the most spectacular Olympic and Paralympic Games the world has seen and maximising the benefits to our communities before, during and long after the games. All these amendments and changes have come from the recommendations of the 100-day review. We made a promise with regards to the process and now we are delivering on it.

I want to acknowledge the amendments proposed to be moved by the Deputy Premier, particularly to allow the Australian government to nominate a vice-president to the board in the same way as the Queensland government to ensure that the Australian Olympic Committee has appropriate representation on the board and to give any public servant appointed to the board the same safeguards that others on the board have. They are practical, commonsense enhancements that reflect this government's commitment to consultation and integrity. These will ensure we have a coordinated, aligned and accountable approach for delivering world-class sporting and tourism infrastructure with tangible outcomes that are tailored to each locality's unique needs.

The Olympic and Paralympic Games are not just sporting events; they are a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Queensland to showcase our state on the world stage, to inspire future generations, to build lasting infrastructure and to deliver real economic and social benefits for decades to come. This government is determined to make the most of that opportunity. Today's bill is proof of that determination.

After today the delays will stop. It is time to get on with building the infrastructure that we so desperately need to stage a games that Queensland deserves. I commend the bill to the House.