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 **Mr WATTS** (Toowoomba North—LNP) (11.57 pm): This week we saw the *Courier-Mail* bring the Bush Summit to Toowoomba. It was a great event and it was fantastic that the Treasurer was there. For 10 years under Labor we have seen a decline. Toowoomba has been under a lot of pressure with its water supply. The previous government would give nothing to them. This Treasurer has given \$54 million, 20 per cent of the project, to make sure our water supply is secure going forward. That was a really good announcement for the people of Toowoomba. They can have some surety that it will now be secure.

Importantly, there is also a pumped hydro aspect to this. All of the on-roof solar we have in Toowoomba will now have a battery developed for it with the pumped hydro project as part of this dam upgrade. After 10 years of the decline we saw under Labor, this government has delivered 20 per cent of this project in 10 months. That is a really great outcome.

Another project I have been fighting for for a long time is a tartan track in Toowoomba, but under 10 years of the previous Labor government we have seen absolutely nothing happen. The fact of the matter is that the athletes of Toowoomba have to leave town to compete. We have had plenty of people go to the Commonwealth Games and the Olympics, but there has been no facility in Toowoomba. In partnership with UniSQ and the Crisafulli government—in 10 months there is action straightaway; we are on it—there will be money injected for a tartan track to be built at UniSQ. We hope that council will come onboard and support that, because we really want this facility to be open to everyone.

Having it based where sports science and sports psychology are taught and being able to enhance an athlete's performance going forward with a top quality track will be fantastic for Toowoomba. In the lead-up to the Olympics, something else that is really important is that I believe this will be the highest altitude track in Australia. This means that, if you are trying to get a fast time, this will be the place you want to come and compete. I am looking forward to not only getting it built but also seeing some fantastic competition being held in Toowoomba in the lead-up to the Olympics. Our best sprinters, best runners and best athletes will go there to compete at this facility.

That is what 10 months of action under a Crisafulli government can achieve after 10 years of absolutely nothing happening under the former state government. The only thing they managed to do in 10 years was take the money we had provided for the range crossing, build it, close it, and then we had to repair it. In 10 months we have had that repair done and the road is now back fully open. I look forward to the next 10 months of delivery by the Crisafulli government in Toowoomba and the Darling Downs.