

Question on Notice
No. 556
Asked on 12 May 2021

Mr A Perrett asked Premier and Minister for Trade (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Olympics bid and infrastructure upgrades—

Will the Premier advise what sporting, community and transport infrastructure, including upgrades of current facilities will be considered for the Gympie Electorate?

ANSWER:

On 25 February 2021, the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Dr Thomas Bach, announced that Brisbane has been invited to join Targeted Dialogue, positioning Brisbane as preferred host of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (the Games).

The opportunity to host an Olympics and Paralympics in 2032 would be a tremendous honour and would present incredible opportunities and benefits not only for Queensland, but also Australia more broadly.

We know that an Olympics and Paralympics in Queensland will be a new experience, not just for the athletes and their families but also for communities throughout Queensland.

Our candidature is now another step closer with the IOC Executive Board decision to forward the Future Host Commission recommendation for our State as Host of the Games of the XXXV Olympiad 2032 to the full IOC Session in Tokyo in July 2021.

Hosting the Games in Queensland will be about so much more than a few weeks of sport – it is about 20 years of opportunity for the whole State.

It is aligned with our COVID Recovery Plan because it will stimulate investment, support trade and tourism, create jobs and deliver significant supply chain opportunities for Queensland businesses.

Pre-Games training was identified through the Queensland Government's Value Proposition Assessment as a key opportunity for regional Queensland.

Should the candidature be successful, my Government looks forward to working with the Gympie region and community to ensure legacy benefits from the Games are realised for the region.