

Question on Notice
No. 794
Asked on 16 June 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Brisbane Olympic Bid being almost a certainty—

Will the Premier support a bid by Elliott Heads in my electorate to host the Kitesurfing competition to bring economic benefits to regional Queensland?

ANSWER:

On 11 June 2021, the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Dr Thomas Bach, announced that the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (the Games) proposal will be considered and a vote taken at the next IOC session on 21 July 2021.

The opportunity to host the Games in 2032 would present incredible opportunities and benefits not only for Queensland, but also Australia more broadly, stimulating investment, supporting trade and tourism, creating jobs and delivering significant supply chain opportunities for local businesses.

The selection of competition venues has been a key element of the targeted dialogue with the IOC. Throughout the competition venues selection process, a range of factors have been considered including opportunities for venue clustering, access for ticketholders and proximity to athlete and spectator accommodation. This approach aligns with the IOC's strategy for the future of the Olympic movement, as outlined in *Olympic Agenda 2020* and *Olympic Games: The New Norm*.

The Alexandra Headland beach area on the Sunshine Coast has been nominated as the competition venue for several sports in the Games, including kitesurfing, road cycling, marathon and race walks. These sports form a Sunshine Coast Olympic competition cluster in close proximity to an athletes' village.

We know that 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. From targeted sport and active lifestyle, arts and culture and sustainability programs, to enhanced destination marketing, major event attraction and pre-Games training opportunities, the Games will provide a once in a generation platform to drive economic, social and cultural growth right across Queensland.

Should we be awarded the rights to host the 2032 Games, the Queensland Government will work with all Queensland communities, including regional communities, to realise these benefits, before, during and well after the Games have been held.