

Question on Notice
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Asked on 14 June 2023

Mr P Weir asked Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the 2023 Olympic Games being hosted in Queensland—

Will the Premier provide details of any events, venues or new infrastructure proposed in the Condamine Electorate?

ANSWER:

Hosting the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Brisbane 2032) will bring investment and benefits to the entire State, including significant benefits for the regions.

Toowoomba Sports Ground, located in the electorate directly adjacent to Condamine, will host football (soccer) matches during Brisbane 2032 and will receive upgrades beforehand. This will increase seating capacity and improve facilities, providing a positive legacy for the broader region. This multi-million dollar upgrade will also help attract more sporting and entertainment events in the lead up to and after the Games.

Brisbane 2032 is projected to inject an additional \$4.6 billion in international tourism and trade. During the Games, around 50 per cent of international travellers are expected to also visit Queensland's regions, generating a significant increase in overnight-visitor expenditure across the state. Positioned right next to Toowoomba, Condamine tourism operators and the wider business community will be able to leverage the global exposure generated by the world's biggest event throughout 2032 and beyond.

Business opportunities will increase too. For Sydney 2000, a small manufacturing company in Gosford won the contract to supply 110,000 seats for Homebush Stadium. It's examples like this that will drive the Buy Queensland approach and underpin the procurement strategy for Brisbane 2032. Helping ensure as many Queensland businesses as possible are part of the significant supply chain associated with the Games.

Aspiring athletes will also have access to state-of-the-art sporting infrastructure throughout Queensland schools thanks to the \$100 million Go for Gold Fund. Under Round 1 of the program, 680 schools will receive sports equipment like bats, balls, nets and hoops up to the value of \$5,000. More than half of these funds are going to regional schools. In the Condamine electorate, 14 schools can look forward to approximately \$60,000 in new equipment including high jump mats, athletics equipment, soccer goals and nets, and protective equipment.

Round 2 of the Go for Gold Fund is now open and will allow schools in Queensland to apply for up to \$5 million in new or upgraded sports infrastructure. Schools are invited to partner with local sporting organisations to ensure the needs of their local community are met. This funding will ensure the Queensland Government gives young people the best opportunity to make their Brisbane 2032 dreams come true regardless of where they live.