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Mr TED O'BRIEN (Fairfax) (13:53): Tribalism may be alive and well in this chamber, but there are times when the full united force of Team Australia needs to come about. One of those times is near, as South East Queensland seeks to host the 2032 Olympic Games. Now this should be right in our sweet spot, because as a country we are highly internationalised. We are welcoming. We are multicultural. We are a safe and secure country, and we have a demonstrable track record when it comes to running major events. What's more, when you're talking about the Gold Coast and Brisbane, though to the Sunny Coast, we are a mecca for tourism. We have the opportunity right now to take first-mover advantage to host the 2032 Olympic Games. The federal government is on board. The South East Queensland Council of Mayors is on board. The Australian Olympic Committee is on board. That just leaves one outstanding to date, and that is the Queensland state government. We need them on board. We need them to get together with the locals, with the feds and with the AOC, because only with a united effort can we win the chance to host the 2032 Olympic Games.