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Mr TED O'BRIEN (Fairfax) (16:20): South-East Queensland has been confirmed as the preferred candidate for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. We're not there yet, and we will continue to work with the IOC as they are in their final deliberations. But it is timely, nevertheless, for us to start a conversation about what a 2032 games would mean to Queensland, especially to Brisbane and the south-east corner. Central to that conversation is the very big question of what it is we want to be famous for. If we secure the 2032 games, there will be more than half the world's eyeballs watching Brisbane and Queensland. Some will ask: where's Brisbane? Others may ask: where's Queensland? Their next question will be: what's it like over there? We want to make sure that we help frame the answer to that question, which is why we need to ensure we have a conversation far more strategic than just what stadium should host what sport or, indeed, what road or rail needs to be upgraded. This represents an opportunity of a lifetime, an opportunity for us to reimagine the future of Brisbane, the south-east and all of the state of Queensland. We're going hard for 2032.