

Queensland will host its biggest international event ever, billions of people will be watching from around the world.

Our focus should be on the world's best athletes and not political agendas.

Gina Rinehart and Hancock Prospecting are proud to have been supporting Australian athletes to represent our country for many years, including as one of the two longest and continuous major supporters of Swimming Queensland.

Our sporting stars strive to be their best with hard work, perseverance and dedication, just as we do in our business. Now it's time for Queensland to go for gold!

To prepare for this international opportunity, we need to encourage investment and cut government tape so that infrastructure, resorts, tourism, sporting and entertainment facilities can be upgraded or timely built. We need to recognise that we only have 11 years to do this, which will go very quickly, so not only is there not a place for time consuming bureaucratic tape, but now is the time to address staff shortages across Queensland and elsewhere in Australia, which are already impacting supplies.

We need to improve Australia's pension system now, so that pensioners who want to work, can, without being burdened by excessive tax if they work.

Now is the time to let Queensland shine and get the state ready to host an event that will leave a legacy for Australia. Let's drive towards a positive legacy, helped by letting pensioners work and by much less government tape.

Let's also learn from the Sydney Games, what they did to make theirs so successful. This included their terrific team of trained volunteers, welcoming guests with smiles and knowledgeably answering questions, helping to make the Sydney games a world renowned success.

Let's show the welcome we can give with friendly Brisbane volunteers, in the state described as "perfect one day, even better the next!"

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