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## **GOLD COAST COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

 **Mrs STUCKEY** (Currumbin—LNP) (3.30 pm): As the member for Currumbin and the shadow minister for tourism, it is with great pride that I congratulate my home city of the Gold Coast on its successful bid to host the 2018 Commonwealth Games between 4 and 15 April. On behalf of the residents of Currumbin, I wish to congratulate everyone associated with this bid for it was indeed a wonderful exercise in teamwork—a group effort that cannot be claimed by any single person.

What a great moment in our city's history, to be thrust into the spotlight on the world stage and for all to celebrate this opportunity to showcase our magnificent region. This major event is exactly what the Gold Coast needs—the elixir to revitalise our city and our economy. It has already lifted community spirit and brought people together as they all got behind the bid. Posters, banners and bumper stickers adorned offices, cars and billboards across our fair city and my office.

The Gold Coast has so much more to offer than sun, surf and sand, although these are very attractive drawcards. We have a spectacular hinterland, famous theme parks and world-class attractions such as the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and the Currumbin Ecovillage in my electorate, to name just two. Our accommodation, hospitality and tourism operators will be ramping up their friendly service to meet the flurry of activity and influx of visitors to our city, as will residents.

There is much to be done. There has never been a better time in the Gold Coast's history to step up to the plate and deliver. But it will take strong leadership from local and state governments to hold up their end and ensure the billion dollars plus of necessary infrastructure is in place to run a successful event.

As Eve Lutz from Burleigh, the very young star of the Gold Coast bid, said with such enthusiasm, 'Now is the Gold Coast's time to shine.' All of the LNP members on the Gold Coast are committed to making this happen on time and on budget.