

**TOKYO OLYMPIC GAMES — JACQUI McNAMARA**

*Statement by Member for Central Wheatbelt*

**MS M.J. DAVIES (Central Wheatbelt — Leader of the Opposition)** [12.51 pm]: I rise to pay tribute to Mrs Jacqui McNamara, from York Swimming Club, who has recently returned from the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, representing Australia as a technical swimming official. With over 15 years' experience, Jacqui was one of only two Australians who were selected to officiate at the Olympic Games on the pool deck, working alongside FINA's best technical officers from around the world. This was her first Olympic appointment, having represented Australia previously at meets, including the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast and the 2017 World Championships in Budapest. Jacqui officiated some of the biggest moments at the Olympics for Australia, including those exceptional wins from the women's relay team and a number of our individual swimmers. Further to this amazing achievement, she has also been awarded Swimming WA's top honour for technical officials, recognised as Technical Official of the Year in 2019. She is a life member of Swimming WA and York Swimming Club, and has served in many roles to support the grassroots swimming competitions in regional WA through to our most elite competitions on a national and international stage. Jacqui has dedicated many hundreds of hours on the pool deck at her local club in York, and has now realised a goal she set as a young girl—to one day attend an Olympic Games. I congratulate Jacqui on her achievements. It was wonderful to see Jacqui's hard work, passion and dedication recognised on an international stage, and equally as lovely to see how proud the York community is to call Jacqui one of their own and celebrate her success at the recently held York Agricultural Show.