



Speech by

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#### **TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS**

**Mr WELLINGTON** (Nicklin—IND) (11.35 p.m.): I rise to acknowledge publicly the great achievement of students from the Nambour State School in winning the Queensland State Tournament of the Minds competition on Sunday, 3 September 2000. In particular, the Nambour all-girls team of eight won the maths and engineering category at the tournament. The team consists of Apolline Bouchara, Year 6; Shannon Bell, Year 5; Catherine Dash, Year 7; Michelle Hansen, Year 6; Christie Mulcahy, Year 7; Emma Wishaw, Year 6; and Kate Wittholz, Year 5. This all-girls team triumphed in an area that has traditionally been male dominated. I understand that over 11,000 students participated in the various categories of the tournament this year and this in itself highlights the significance of the achievements of the students of the Nambour State School.

The Tournament of the Minds provides an opportunity for teamwork and creative thinking from the teams, which are drawn from various age groups of participating schools. Both State and private schools were represented in the tournament. I congratulate Nambour State School students. Their school and their region are very proud of their achievements. I understand that the students will now represent all of Queensland at the national Tournament of the Minds to be held in Sydney on 21 and 22 October. I wish our student representatives well and I know that they will be great ambassadors for Queensland at the national tournament. I take this opportunity also to acknowledge publicly the support from the students' parents and teachers at the school. I say: well done and congratulations to the Nambour State School.

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