



Speech by

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ENDEAVOUR FOUNDATION; PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Mr KNUTH (Charters Towers—NPA) (6.12 p.m.): Tonight, I rise to stand up for Queensland's most vulnerable citizens—people suffering from intellectual disabilities. I am led to believe that Disability Services Queensland has refused an application by the Endeavour Foundation to fund 14 residential and adult training and support services in south-east Queensland and on the Sunshine Coast. Without any government support, the Endeavour Foundation is unable to operate the unfunded services and these people now have the trauma of searching for other placements and services.

I call on the minister to urgently provide funding, accommodation and training to support these services in south-east Queensland that have been refused this funding. I call on the government to match the rhetoric and stop neglecting their responsibility to these people. My National Party colleagues will continue to do their utmost to ensure that people with disabilities receive the highest quality care and support. I call on the minister to provide funding, training and support for this service.

Mr Pitt: You'd better come and see me, mate. You're about five days too late. It's all been fixed up.

Mr KNUTH: We will see the minister.