



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Morgan Innes Foundation

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.51 am): My government has given \$50,000 in one-off funding to help establish the first Morgan Innes scholarships in Queensland. Morgan's young life was tragically taken in a Sydney Harbour boating accident on 28 March this year. I think that this is a suitable way to establish a scholarship in her memory, and I seek leave to incorporate details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

But the 14-year-old's passion for figure skating, and she was a two-time State champion, Mr Speaker, will live on through this initiative, inspiring others to reach the elite level of the sport.

The scholarships will be awarded through the Morgan Innes Foundation and administered by Ice Skating Australia.

Worth \$10,000 each, they will enable five of our best figure skaters to go abroad and learn from the best trainers in the business.

I was particularly pleased to launch the Queensland fundraising campaign with Morgan's family last week—father Robert, mum Kim and Morgan's 11-year-old brother Curtis.

These scholarships are an important tribute to a wonderful young teenager, and I encourage Queenslanders and Queensland businesses to make a donation.