



Speech by

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CABOOLTURE DISABILITY INDOOR CRICKET

Mr RYAN (Morayfield—ALP) (11.49 am): Assistance for and promotion of sporting opportunities for people with disabilities are essential parts of a vibrant, active, healthy, tolerant and empowered Queensland community. Providing sporting opportunities for people with disabilities not only provides people with disabilities with options to participate in the sport of their choosing; it also provides an important opportunity for socialisation and public awareness.

A number of groups are contributing to this end. One such group is Caboolture Disability Indoor Cricket. Caboolture Disability Indoor Cricket was formed by two of my constituents: Patrick Rossiter and his son James Rossiter. James is an exceptional young man who has been a successful Queensland Lord Taverner cricket player for the last seven years and has played for Australia in the Ashes and the Trans-Tasman Test Disability Indoor Cricket Series.

Caboolture Disability Indoor Cricket has players from all over the Morayfield state electorate, and the local team regularly plays in South-East Queensland tournament matches. I was honoured to recently attend a training session with the local team and had the opportunity to announce that Caboolture Disability Indoor Cricket had been successful in obtaining funding from the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund for a bowling machine. The bowling machine will be a welcome training assistant for the local team.

The valuable work of Caboolture Disability Indoor Cricket sends a clear message to our communities that sporting activities for people with disabilities are an important aspect of a vibrant and active community. I am pleased that the Queensland state government provides some assistance for these sporting groups. I trust that this assistance and further promotion of sports for people with disabilities will continue into the future.