




Speech by

Peter Wellington

MEMBER FOR NICKLIN

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MOTION: NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

 **Mr WELLINGTON** (Nicklin—Ind) (6.14 pm): I rise to support the motion that Queensland support the proposed trial of a National Disability Insurance Scheme. Tonight we can do something, not just pass the baton and blame someone else. We can follow the lead and join other states in trying to take that very first step of improving the lot for people with disabilities around Australia. Just as the member for Gympie said, it is the first step. It is not the last; it is simply the first step.

A number of government speakers have said, 'We have no money. We can't afford it.' The Premier wrote to me some time ago and said, 'Give me some suggestions.' Can I say: put the 'for sale' signs up in the Mary Valley tomorrow. That would generate income. Stop the ridiculous High Court challenge to the mining resource rent tax.

Opposition members interjected.

Madam SPEAKER: Order, members! The member with the call is not taking the interjections. I call the member for Nicklin.

Mr WELLINGTON: Another government speaker said, 'Take the money from Nicklin.' Well, the government has. It has stopped the funding of the disability access improvements for the Nambour Railway Station. Shame on the government! It was planned and justified, but what did the government say? 'Sorry. We will consider it in the future.' So they have taken funding from the electorate of Nicklin. I say to the Premier and his government, who say there is no money: put the 'for sale' signs up in the Mary Valley tomorrow so we can have the trial in Gympie. It is very simple.

Mr Gibson interjected.

Mr WELLINGTON: I am not taking interjections from government members. Put the 'for sale' signs up tomorrow, stop the ridiculous banter to the High Court in relation to federal government's proposed mining resource rent tax. That would represent another significant saving. I look forward to the opposition members continuing with the debate.