



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR LYTTON**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Lytton Electorate, Skilling Queenslanders for Work**

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (2.49 pm): I am delighted to rise today to speak about the outstanding Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative. I am a great supporter of initiatives that put our communities in the driver's seat to grow local employment opportunities, encourage greater social inclusion and assist people who are needing a little extra support to enter the workforce. That is exactly what Skilling Queenslanders for Work does.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work gives vulnerable Queenslanders the skills and training that they need to get back into the workforce and build a career. I was delighted to hear that, in the recently announced first funding round, three applicants from the bayside were successful. When I rang the organisations to let them know about their successful application, this news was received with much excitement and enthusiasm. The response from each and every organisation was to say, 'What a difference this funding will make to our clients.' Each of these organisations is a vibrant and innovative member of the bayside, providing assistance and support across the community.

BABI is a much loved local organisation that celebrates young people, their strengths and their abilities. BABI will be delivering Get Set for Work and a Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways in either early childhood or logistic electives. Even better, that training will be undertaken by TAFE Queensland.

Help Enterprises has been operating since 1968 to provide opportunities through employment and training to enhance the lifestyle and independence of people with disabilities. The bayside is now lucky to have Help Enterprises operating in Wynnum. Help Enterprises will be delivering Help2Beautiful Community Work Skills in Wynnum. Clients will obtain a certificate II in horticulture. I am fortunate to have some of Help's lovely work outside my electorate office in Edith Street.

The Wynnum Manly Employment and Training Association will be providing a certificate I in construction for Career Employment Australia under the Community Work Skills Stream 2: Work Skills Traineeships funding.

Over the years all three of these organisations have provided outstanding services to the community of Wynnum in meeting the needs of some of the most marginalised and vulnerable in our community. These organisations are experienced, progressive and vibrant and will deliver fabulous training, support and, ultimately, jobs. I congratulate BABI, Help Enterprises and CEA and I look forward to hearing the successes of the participants. I am delighted that the next round of funding has opened. I thank the Palaszczuk government for reinstating this important initiative.