



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR DALRYMPLE**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Seniors Lawn Mowing Vouchers

 **Mr KNUTH** (Dalrymple—KAP) (10.15 pm): In 2012 the Newman government was elected, and it would have to be rated as the worst government in Queensland's history. They were elected with 78 members and they were reduced to 42. I can remember that almost the whole parliament was made up of LNP members with just a few Labor members in that corner. The first thing they did when they were elected was promise that they would be public servant friendly, but they sacked 16,000 employees. Then they built the \$700 million taj mahal and then they gave themselves a \$70,000 pay rise. After the announcement of the taj mahal, the sacking of 16,000 employees and their massive pay rise, they cut the pensioners' \$10 lawn mowing vouchers!

I do want to thank the Minister for Housing, who restored the trial and gave those vouchers back. The trial expires in December, and I have a letter here from Atherton Tablelands Home Assist Secure which says—

It is with pleasure that I can report that to date 132 Atherton Tableland Home Assist clients have taken up participation in the above mowing trial which runs from 1 June 2016 to 31 December 2016.

Remember that they cut it, so we are very appreciative that the minister came to the Tablelands and restored that lawnmowing voucher trial. The letter continues—

The fact that so many households in our service area, which represents approximately 10% of our clients households, have taken advantage of this trial ...

Mr Speaker, remember that they cut it. These are pensioners. These are disabled people that they cut the vouchers from. They cut the lawn mowing vouchers for disabled people! I table this letter.

*Tabled paper:* Letter, dated 19 October 2016, from the Coordinator, Atherton Tableland Home Assist/Secure, Mr Danny Carleton, to the member for Dalrymple, Mr Shane Knuth MP, regarding a mowing trial [[1998](#)].

They are happy that the \$10 vouchers have worked and they are asking for them to continue.