



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT**

**Community Recognition Statements**

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**TRIBUTE TO TIAHNA SKELTON**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) ( 13:14 ):** Wallsend Little Athletics club member Tiahna Skelton recently claimed a 17-year-old national meet record twice in two days.

Tiahna was competing successfully in the under-13 girls 200-metre hurdles at the Australian Little Athletics Championships in Sydney.

She stopped the clock at 27.94 seconds to win her heat before backing that up with 27.74 seconds to claim the final. She eclipsed the previous mark of 28.24 seconds set by Tahlia Gray in 2000 by 0.5 seconds.

Tiahna also collected silver in the 80-metre hurdles and another gold in the 4x100-metre relay team.

Tiahna and fellow Hunter athletes Imogen Petrie, Montana Monk, Ethan McLoughlin and Ashlyn Blackstock helped the New South Wales under-13s clinch the Trevor Billingham Trophy for the best overall point score.