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Community Recognition Statements

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PARA-ATHLETE BLAKE CARR

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

Congratulations to Paralympic athlete Blake Carr, who recently went to Brisbane to represent Australia at the INAS Global Games – the world's biggest sporting event for athletes with intellectual impairment.

Blake, who has autism, has only been competing in high-level athletics for three years and has already represented his country three times. Having dabbled in athletics, Blake was mainly involved in rugby league while attending Hunter Sports High. After a concussion ruled him out of rugby league, Blake gave athletics a crack.

Blake usually competes in both the 100 metre and 200 metre sprints, long jump and discus, and attempted the 110 metre hurdles for the first time late last year in an attempt to qualify for the INAS Global Games. Despite injuring his lower back and completed what is usually three weeks of intense rehabilitation in two, Blake then broke the national record in his category.

Once again, I would like to congratulate you Blake on all your achievements thus far, proving to everyone that autism is not a barrier to success and encouraging everyone despite your ability to pursue your goals and dreams.