




Speech by

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FRAMEWORK

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (2.58 pm): I am pleased to follow the member for Morayfield's contribution in this House because it is the member for Morayfield I wish to talk about today. I have said in this place many times that the Labor government copies LNP policy on so many occasions. We look at the crime squad on the Gold Coast. We look at GPS tracking of sex offenders. We now look at mandatory non-parole periods which the government is all of a sudden going to get tough on. We see in the parliament today new laws introduced to get tough on child sex grooming on the internet, but this goes to another stage. Today I table a copy of a letter from Mark Ryan, the state member for Morayfield, titled 'A review of Queensland justice of the peace framework'. Talk about a cut and paste job! My justice of the peace review, which I tabled in the House earlier this year, talked about many, if not all, of the issues in the honourable member for Morayfield's contribution.

Tabled paper: Copy of an open letter from Mr Mark Ryan MP, member for Morayfield, regarding his review of Queensland's Justice of the Peace framework [\[5628\]](#).

What scares me is the third paragraph of the member for Morayfield's letter. It states—

To that end, the Attorney-General, the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, has asked me to conduct a review of Queensland's Justice of the Peace framework and provide him with policy suggestions for his consideration.

They have been in power for 22 years, interrupted by two years—

Mrs MILLER: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms O'Neill): Order! What is your point of order?

Mrs MILLER: That our government actually altered the JP act and professionalised it. They used to give out JPs as gongs for LNP members.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is not a point of order.

Mr BLEIJIE: The justice of the peace framework has not been reviewed since 1998. It is a shame on this government to now be using the member for Morayfield, who obviously has not much more to do than letter writing lately, in this way. He is channelling the Attorney-General, Paul Lucas. I say this to the member for Morayfield: if he is going to channel anyone on that side of the House, it ought not be the Attorney-General, 'Part-Time' Paul.

(Time expired)