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CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM; BEACHMERE, POLICE BEAT

 **Mr LANGBROEK** (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (3.17 pm): Last week I visited the electorate of Pumicestone as part of my role as the shadow minister for police, corrective services and emergency services. From this visit, I wish to speak about a couple of issues that were raised in meetings with the LNP candidate for Pumicestone, Lisa France, the federal LNP member for Longman, Wyatt Roy, and various community groups and constituents.

The first issue is that the Woodford Correctional Centre is within close proximity to Caboolture, meaning that upon release many prisoners find themselves looking to make the transition back into society in the Caboolture area. At present, individuals who have served their sentence are being released into the community without basic identification. Any rehab that the individual has undergone while serving their sentence is in jeopardy if that individual cannot access social benefits from Centrelink or find accommodation by virtue of a lack of the requisite 100 points of identification, which may consist of a driver's licence, Medicare card and a bank statement. Without being issued a basic ID kit upon release, individuals looking forward to moving on with their lives are unable to do so and are at risk of reoffending or becoming homeless without a means of living.

The department of housing cannot trigger the search for accommodation until they show up after release and then they must have 100 points of ID. This is a gaping hole in the correctional system. The Labor government is putting its constituents at risk by not providing basic ID for the rehabilitated.

The second issue is that there is no longer a police beat in the locality of Beachmere. This was raised by a local resident who raised the issue with Lisa France. Residents are at a loss as to why it was closed down, and the consequence of the short-sighted Labor government's decision is a rise in the crime rate in the area. The residents there want to know why it closed down, how they get it back, why they cannot discuss this with police at bimonthly community consultative meetings and, even if they could, the stations they would have to attend for that are a 40-minute return trip. Yesterday we saw a close factional associate of the Premier, Moreton Bay Councillor Chris Whiting, reveal what Labor thinks of the people of Caboolture and Bribie Island. Unlike Labor, Lisa France will work for Queenslanders.