



Speech By  
**Hon. David Crisafulli**


**MEMBER FOR MUNDINGBURRA**

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 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Mundingburra—LNP) (Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience) (9.57 pm): I will be sure to get onto that link—[www.pollinatorlink.wordpress.com](http://www.pollinatorlink.wordpress.com)—provided the spam filter does not pick it up.

Today is an historic day. The passing of the changes to the Youth Justice Act is something that I am so pleased about. That leads me to something I want to talk about tonight. That is the positive policing that is happening in my electorate of Mundingburra. The member for Thuringowa is in the chamber tonight. He will tell members that the other day we went out with the police and conducted Operation Mike Adamant.

What is powerful about this operation is its two phases. Firstly, there is the direct response. That relates to operational policing. Police have really stepped up patrols. It has been running seven nights a week. They have used uniform officers, specialist police, plain clothes police and dog squad police. It has been unashamedly about trying to smash up these groups of young offenders—the same ones time and time again who are wreaking havoc on our city. That is the first element.

The second element has been good old fashioned community policing. I am sure the member for Greenslopes knows exactly what I am talking about. They have gone out door to door, knocking on people's doors explaining the simple things. I have to pay tribute to the recruits because they have done this in their own time and outside of work hours. They have fronted up to people's doors and said, 'Did you notice that your car was unlocked? Have you been noticing any activity in the area?'

I am not someone who will make excuses for crime. We should live in a society where people should be able to leave their doors unlocked, but we do not. Everything you can do to make your home a little more secure adds to your safety. It is a startling statistic, but nearly half of the break and enters in Townsville in recent times have involved either unlocked cars or unlocked homes. That is something that we have to change. Again, it does not mean that we do not have a responsibility to play as leaders, as police and as people in the judicial system. We have to make sure we clamp down and get tough, by all means, but there are little things that we can all do. One of them is look out for our neighbours and the other is look out for ourselves.

I have seen the real difference that this operation has made. It has proven to me the benefit of increasing police numbers. We made a commitment during the election campaign to increase police numbers across the state by 1,100 over four years. We will do a little better than that.

**Mr Dempsey** interjected.

**Mr CRISAFULLI:** There have been extra in Townsville; the police minister is right. We believe there needs to be more. We will continue to rattle the cage for more. That is our job as local members.

In conclusion, it is an historic day because we have taken the first step. A combination of positive policing and a tougher Youth Justice Act will deliver results.