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**MEMBER FOR MUDGEERABA**

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**Mudgeeraba Electorate**

 **Ms BATES** (Mudgeeraba—LNP) (5.07 pm): I rise to inform the House of how my LNP colleagues in the shadow cabinet are working to ensure Mudgeeraba stays a great place to do business and a safe place to live, work and raise a family. In recent weeks I have been delighted to host visits from the Leader of the Opposition, Lawrence Springborg; the shadow minister for infrastructure, planning, small business, employment and trade, Tim Nicholls; and the shadow minister for police, fire, emergency services and corrective services, Jarrod Bleijie.

During each of their visits I gave the Leader of the Opposition and shadow ministers the opportunity to explore the Mudgeeraba electorate and hear directly from local residents. During the visit by the member for Clayfield on 8 September we met with local business owners and asked how a future LNP government could assist them to grow and expand. Unfortunately, the message we heard overwhelmingly was that jobs and growth are at risk in Mudgeeraba in light of the economic uncertainty being created by the Labor government. While the LNP has put forward a real economic plan to create jobs and foster growth in my local area, in the view of small businesses in my electorate the Labor government has no plan and no interest in our local economy, putting business confidence and jobs at risk.

The Leader of the Opposition was just as keen to get out and about and hear directly from local residents on 22 September. Understandably, the message we received as we walked around the Mudgeeraba Market Shopping Centre and chatted with locals was that law and order under a Labor government remains of great concern. When in government the LNP introduced the comprehensive Safe Night Out Strategy to keep our young people safe during nights out through education and awareness, tougher penalties and targeted policing. This progress is under threat as the Labor government has announced its plans to repeal or rescind our Safe Night Out Strategy in favour of shutting young people out of pubs and forcing them on to the streets.

Mudgeeraba locals told the Leader of the Opposition and myself that they were worried for our young people as a result. The member for Kawana and I heard similar concerns about community safety as we caught up with local residents on 24 September. As a result of the former LNP government's tough approach to crime and antisocial behaviour, criminal gangs have fled the state and for the first time police have the tools they need to bust organised crime rackets. As Labor plans to repeal or replace our criminal gang laws, local residents are concerned our area will once again fall victim to criminal thugs. No-one should feel unsafe in their community, and that is why local residents urged us to do everything we can to keep our laws in place. On behalf of my constituents I thank the Leader of the Opposition, the member for Clayfield and the member for Kawana for the time they took to visit my electorate and hear local views firsthand. I am sure they will keep these views firmly at the front of their minds as they continue to hold this Labor government to account.