




Speech By
Hon. Mark Ryan

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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services) (10.43 am): The Palaszczuk government recognises the crucial role of men and women in the Queensland Police Service in tackling crime in our communities. We recognise that each part of Queensland has a unique community and each one represents a unique challenge for policing.

The Palaszczuk government is delivering a safer community for the people of the Gold Coast. We now have tough new laws to tackle organised crime. These laws have been described by many as the most robust, the most stringent and the most rigorous in the country.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order, members! I am having difficulty hearing the minister.

Mr RYAN: They will target all kinds of serious organised crime—outlaw motorcycle gangs, child sex exploitation, drug trafficking and boiler room fraud. We have backed up those new laws by giving police the funding and the resources that they need to tackle organised crime. Our investment is already paying dividends, just like we said it would. Today I am advised that Taskforce Maxima arrested a number of members of the Hells Angels outlaw motorcycle gang on the Gold Coast yesterday.

Our commitment to the Gold Coast is rock solid. Since we came to government, 24 additional police officers have hit the beat on the Gold Coast. We funded the priority rollout of 300 body worn cameras to front-line police on the Gold Coast last year. We are also rolling out 2,700 more body worn cameras to front-line police all over Queensland. We have new police leadership on the Gold Coast delivering great results and delivering a boost in confidence to the people of the Gold Coast and our front-line police officers.

Mr Cripps interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Hinchinbrook, you are warned under standing order 253A. I find that your interjections are designed to disrupt the minister.

Mr RYAN: I am very keen to meet with Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate again to listen to any concerns he may have and discuss how we can work together to continue to keep the people of the Gold Coast safe. Mayor Tate is a strong advocate for his local community and I get that. I am keen to meet with him and work with him. The Palaszczuk government's investment in front-line policing will be backed by our strong new laws—laws designed to disrupt and dismantle organised crime and outlaw motorcycle gangs right across Queensland.