



Speech By  
**Hon. Bill Byrne**


**MEMBER FOR ROCKHAMPTON**

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 **Hon. WS BYRNE** (Rockhampton—ALP) (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services) (10.30 am): What an exhibition we have just seen from the member! It was unbelievable. This morning, I mapped out what the Queensland Police Service is doing in Townsville in particular and Queensland more broadly. The first thing that the member did was stand up and stick it to the Queensland Police Service.

The program that we ran last week is an initiative—and a successful one—that is part of a range of measures that are being developed and delivered across Queensland. It is interesting to hear the contribution of those opposite. I remember when, back in 2012, youth justice was subject to electioneering. I remember when the previous premier—a certain Mr Newman—stood up in Cairns and talked about this marvellous boot camp process. This was the opposition's response to youth justice issues in North Queensland.

When Campbell Newman was asked to give one example across the world where boot camps worked, the then premier in waiting, the leader of the Liberal National Party—they could not find anybody in the House to lead them—stood up and said, 'I can't give you an example of where this program works, but my adviser down the back would be able to point it out.' That is the start point of the policy that those opposite brought forward repeatedly—a mantra based on sound bites with not an ounce of substance to support anything. It is all about the 10-second sound bite. It is all nonsense. There is no evidence, no justice, no real outcomes to speak of.

The Auditor-General made very specific commentary about the boot camp process run by the Liberal National Party. It was a complete failure. Over the past 4½ years we have made where we stand on youth justice issues very clear. As I revealed earlier, the Queensland Police Service is doing exactly what it should be doing,

More broadly, there is no question about this government's commitment to tackling crime. There are more police and more resources. Today, the Attorney-General will introduce to this House the most comprehensive organised crime legislation that this state has ever seen—legislation developed in consultation with stakeholders, legislation that we know will have an operational effect, legislation that we know will end up in arrests. What a bizarre concept: to have arrests come from action on organised crime! I am proud of our record. What the member for Everton said was a disgrace.