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 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (10.30 am): Under this soft-on-crime Annastacia Palaszczuk government the bikies are back! Why should we not be surprised that they would be back after this government weakened laws that worked, weakened laws that drove the bikies out of the state and weakened laws that the police welcomed.

Last night we heard disturbing media reports that confirmed that the bikies are back. The Comancheros, that notorious gang that was in the middle of the Milperra massacre, are back on the coast and strengthening their numbers. The Bandidos and the Rebels are reported to be having turf wars at Beenleigh. Even more disturbing are the reports that the Bandidos have infiltrated the tow truck industry. These are things that could not have happened under the previous government's very tough laws.

When we were in government the media reports were about the bikies fleeing the state, not strengthening their numbers on the coast. The bikies have returned and they have become more brazen.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you. I now call the member for Everton.

Mr MANDER: These explosive reports last night even had quotes from bikies. One of them said—

It will be harder to catch us under the new consorting laws here. They didn't work in New South Wales. Members are already getting around the laws by using businesses to keep associating with other members they have been warned not to contact.

While this government focuses on what the bikies are wearing, we focused on what they were doing and we stopped it from happening. Another bkie said this about their fashion laws, 'If anything it is escalating now because the gangs have become more anonymous. They are not wearing colours. It's harder to identify us.' This is the consequence of the ridiculous weakening of the bkie laws that this government has brought in. They were warned about this. The CCC warned them in its submission to the Wilson report that the evidence was mounting that with the change of government the bikies would become more brazen and would start to re-establish themselves on the coast. That is what the CCC said. We are unapologetic about the tough laws that we brought into this state. Our tough laws stopped the bikies from claiming that they were running the Gold Coast. They fled the Gold Coast. Under this government, under this Premier, the bikies are back!