




Speech By
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Child Sex Offenders

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (10.12 am): Our government is making the strongest laws in the nation even stronger when it comes to child sex offenders. Amendments to the Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Bill and the explanatory notes have now been circulated. The new laws mean that immediately upon the expiration of a supervision order these child sex offenders will now be monitored by the Queensland Police Service for the rest of their lives. As a result, the Police Commissioner will know where those offenders live, where they travel, where they work, any contact that they may have with children, any changes to their name and appearance, the details of their phone and internet connections, the details of their social media and email accounts and passwords.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr RYAN: Mr Speaker, let the record note that the opposition are interjecting on a speech about child sex offenders.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order!

Mr RYAN: If these child sex offenders fail to meet these reporting requirements, they face up to five years jail. There is another layer of police intervention. If police become concerned about the behaviour of an individual, police can then apply for an offender prohibition order. The law is being changed to make it easier for police to do this. These orders would place tough restrictions on the offender's movements. The offender could be ordered to wear a GPS tracker and other restrictions imposed on where they can live and what they can do.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Members to my left, the minister seems to be giving a factual ministerial statement. If you have a different point of view, seek the call. Otherwise, I would like to hear the statement.

Mr RYAN: To support these new operational activities, the Queensland Police Service will be given extra resources by our government. Those resources will be used to support police surveillance, monitoring, disruption and enforcement operations. The resources will be used for the purchase of specialist equipment for covert surveillance and intelligence gathering and aerial and ground based surveillance operations. The changes to the law which the government is introducing will mean all of these offenders will be subject to ongoing monitoring and surveillance. These changes mean that the Queensland community can be assured that child sex offenders will always remain under scrutiny.