



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR BROADWATER**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

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 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (2.37 pm): Seventeen years ago I sat in this building as a young journalist as parliament came here for the first time and I listened to Premier Peter Beattie on day one talk about a future for the sugar industry. He outlined a package to make it more resilient. The irony is that this week not only are we not prepared to debate laws that will threaten the future of that industry but also the Premier has used question time to refer to newspaper clippings from seven years ago rather than paint a vision for this state and minister after minister has stood up in question time and all they have wanted to talk about is me rather than a vision for this city.

I will cop a blast for losing every day, but what I will not cop is the tourism minister coming in here and saying that I am scared to see friends and family. I will tell members about scared: I had coffee with my mother-in-law this morning and her beautiful little street in Heatley has gone to the pack. They have had a group of absolute filth move in. The police are there every second day, with the same offenders back out time and time again. I will tell members about scared: my gym partner whose property value is not worth what it was seven years ago when he bought the house. I will tell members about scared: my brother-in-law who had to close his business and leave town because the government would not approve a mine for political reasons. I will tell members about scared: electricity prices where people cannot have competition because of this government.

I am delighted that parliament is back here because this city did so much for me—my first job, our kids, elected as a young councillor to a suburb called Cranbrook to which I owe so much, deputy mayor, a state member of parliament. However, it gave me the greatest lesson of my life. I was a young man in a hurry and I needed a lesson and I received it.

On 1 February, I had to wake up and tell my family that I could not provide for them. It was a great lesson. When the grubby comments about facing the music were raised, I left this community with my head held high. With a primary vote of 41 per cent, it was preferences from One Nation and the Greens that ended my political career in a city where I marched in the pouring rain to change the Youth Justice Act. Now I sit in parliament and see it reversed. Three members who could not get 100 per cent of the vote between them will sit in parliament and reverse the bail conditions in this state when this city is under siege.

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