




Speech By
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MOTION

Palaszczuk Labor Government, LNP Plan

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (4.14 pm): I rise to speak in support of the motion moved by the Leader of the Opposition. If there has been one thing that I have learned this week while in Townsville, and particularly after the other night at the crime forum, and as was put articulately by the member for Burdekin, the people of North Queensland and Townsville have been voiceless for far too long. But for the member for Burdekin and the LNP here in North Queensland, victims of crime and community members simply would not be heard. It is important for the people of Townsville to understand that the members representing Townsville and its surrounds coming in and asking a few Dorothy Dixers of the Premier does not qualify as a voice for Townsville. The members representing Townsville and its surrounds coming in and yelling ‘Hear, hear!’ to every statement from a minister does not qualify as being a voice for North Queensland.

I am not exactly sure when the Leader of the House and the former invisible member for Mundingburra started thinking about the topic of the motion that was moved earlier today, but I do not think it went as they expected as speaker after speaker on the LNP side of the House proceeded to show what a vacuous and visionless government is currently in Queensland. Apart from the member for Burdekin and the LNP here in North Queensland, there has been one voice for the people of Townsville and it has been the *Townsville Bulletin*. During the debate on that motion moved earlier there were a number of articles tabled from the *Townsville Bulletin* referring to various issues related to the member for Thuringowa. The particular article that I want to go to is the *Townsville Bulletin*'s editorial of 7 June that has the headline, ‘Premier clueless on justice’.

Mrs Frecklington: Is that this year?

Mr JANETZKI: I take that interjection.

Mrs Frecklington: In 2019?

Mr JANETZKI: In 2019. The first line of the editorial in the *Townsville Bulletin* titled, ‘Premier clueless on justice’ states, ‘The State Government has lost control of youth justice.’ How has this government and the members for Townsville and its surrounds lost control of youth justice and crime in Townsville? I refer firstly to bail houses. The other night at the crime forum when bail houses were mentioned the first comment from the people there—victims of crime, people in the community who the government is not listening to—was that they were a joke. They are a joke and that is why an LNP government will get rid of them. There will be \$70 million spent on these bail houses by 2022-23. There have been over 539 critical incidents in bail houses throughout Queensland. Two of those bail houses are here in Townsville. They are simply not working.

There is another reason Labor MPs representing Townsville and its surrounds are letting down their people and are not listening to them. Two weeks ago in parliament, back in Brisbane—and it is important for the people of Townsville to know this—those Labor Party members representing

Townsville and its surrounds voted against reintroducing the offence of breach of bail. As all police officers know—and those on this side of the House know—when the offence of breach of bail was introduced in 2014, 400 offenders had committed over 7,000 offences. People understand that the reintroduction of the offence of breach of bail will make a difference.

What else have the Labor MPs representing Townsville and its surrounds voted against? They have voted against child killer laws that would have seen the mandatory sentencing of people convicted of child manslaughter for 15 years. In the gallery this week we have had John and Sue Sandeman, who are wonderful advocates. Their grandchild was murdered. They have stood with victims of crime and have lobbied these Labor members of the Palaszczuk government here in north Queensland to stand with them and to promote this law, but the Labor government will not listen to them.

I say to the people of Townsville that if they want someone to listen to them they should think about the LNP. The Labor Party is not listening, but the LNP will. If people want someone to act, change laws and make their community safer, they should come and see the LNP. If people want someone to act in their best interests, they should come to the LNP. Whether it is bail houses, watch houses, or Woolloongabba houses, the Labor government has failed, failed and failed. Only an LNP government, led by the member for Nanango, will solve the Townsville crime crisis.