



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MUDGEERABA**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Robinson, Ms B**

 **Ms BATES** (Mudgeeraba—LNP) (2.00 pm): Today I table a petition with over 25,000 signatures from concerned Queenslanders seeking justice for Breeana Robinson.

*Tabled paper:* Nonconforming petition relating to request for review of grant of bail for Dan Shearin (Jayden Moorea) [184](#).

Despite the delays in seeking justice for Bree, her family—specifically her aunt Janine Mackney—never gave up fighting. Janine and her daughter are in the gallery today. She is a truly inspirational woman and is the embodiment of strength. She is also supported by Betty Taylor from the Red Rose Foundation. She has never accepted the initial view that Bree took her own life and has spearheaded a relentless campaign to convince authorities otherwise.

After years of fighting, an inquest into Bree's death was successfully secured last year and this ultimately led to an arrest. However, the story does not end there. Bree's family, specifically Janine, started this petition out of desperation earlier this month. To add to this, concerns were also raised in the media about the lack of GPS trackers available on the Gold Coast—a situation which has been spoken about before on several occasions and until last week nothing was done about it. In fact, last year the police minister denied there was even an issue with the availability of GPS trackers on the Gold Coast. Labor's inability to get it right when it comes to GPS trackers on dangerous criminals is a topic for another speech on another day.

This petition, which has the support of 25,000 people, seeks an urgent review by the Attorney-General of this matter. The willingness of the Labor government to let dangerous offenders walk free speaks to their inability to adequately protect our community and meet community expectations.

In 2017, the LNP introduced the toughest domestic violence and bail laws in the country, and at every turn this government has failed to properly uphold them. Our bail laws were about putting victims and their families ahead of perpetrators. It was always based on the premise: if in doubt, don't let them out. That is why we supported a presumption against bail. That is why we wanted GPS tracking introduced. That is why we wanted victims and their families to be automatically notified of bail and parole decisions regarding perpetrators.

Disappointingly, Labor played politics with that issue which was in the wake of the tragic murder of Teresa Bradford. Labor simply do not place a high enough value on the protection of victims, their families and the broader community. I implore the Attorney-General to urgently review this matter. I table a letter from the shadow Attorney-General in that regard.

*Tabled paper:* Letter, dated 14 February 2019, from the member for Toowoomba South, Mr David Janetzki MP, to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Hon. Yvette D'Ath, requesting an application for revocation of bail for Jayden Moorea (Dan Shearin) [185](#).

I am very pleased to support Janine and the rest of 'Bree's Army' in sponsoring this petition—and on behalf of the broader community. I urge the Attorney-General to meet with Bree's family today and consider this important community safety issue today.