




Speech By
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 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (11.29 am): I rise to speak against the motion moved by the Attorney-General. Mr Deputy Speaker, if you will allow me a moment of indulgence, I wish to quickly talk about the city versus country shield that was won last night. I will put that aside.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Are you going to table that prop?

Mr MANDER: No, I will not table it, although this is historic. I want it on the *Hansard* record that the only time that I will ever put a 'like' symbol against a tweet of the Minister for Main Roads was last night. That will never, ever happen again.

On more serious matters, once again we come to this House to speak about democracy; to speak about the fact that we cannot speak as long as we would like on the issues that we would like to speak about. What makes this more appalling is that last week, again when there was limited time in which to speak about the issues of the day, the Minister for Police stood up and wasted the parliament's time by smearing a member of this side of the House. These are the things that waste parliamentary time.

Mr RYAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence and ask the member to withdraw.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The minister has taken offence and I ask you to withdraw.

Mr MANDER: I withdraw. When we have precious little time to speak about the issues that are so important to this side of the House, a minister gets up and wastes the parliament's time with information that has been refuted this morning by the member for Toowoomba North.

Mr RYAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence and ask the member to withdraw.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: I ask you to withdraw, member for Everton.

Mr MANDER: I withdraw. The minister has a bad track record in this area. No-one will ever forget the Pullen family who, when the no-body no-parole laws were introduced by this—

Mrs D'ATH: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order on relevance. The member has very much strayed from the motion before the House. I ask that he be brought back to the motion.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: I was listening quite intently. Member for Everton, I ask you to come back to the motion at hand.

Mr MANDER: We are talking about the things that we would like to debate, and one of those things, which is very relevant to the police minister, is the crime situation in the state at the moment. Currently, the Summary Offences and Other Legislation Amendment Bill is before the House. It talks about law and order in this state. At the moment, we have a crisis right across the state. Townsville is like Dodge City at the moment—

Mr RYAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order in respect of the same question rule. The member is now debating a question before the House.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, there is no point of order. We are debating the Business Program.

Mr MANDER: As I said, we are talking about law and order, which at the moment in this state is totally out of control. Townsville is basically Dodge City. Flights have been diverted because, with action happening on the ground, choppers are in the air to try to bring the crime situation under control. On the Gold Coast, people are getting shot again and bikies are coming back. We want to speak about law and order. We want to speak about the summary offences bill much more than we have at the moment. Every day in Brisbane, commuters are being disrupted and emergency services vehicles are being diverted. We need more time to speak to this bill. On this bill, every one of our 38 members would like to talk about how strong the LNP is on law and order and how the LNP would not allow something like this to take place.

Mr Janetzki interjected.

Mr MANDER: I take that interjection from the shadow Attorney-General: we will bring law and order back to the streets. Crime has gone through the roof in the past five years since the Palaszczuk government came to office and under the reign of the besieged Minister for Police. These are the types of issues that we want to speak about, because they are the issues that are causing greatest concern to Queenslanders. In some of our northern towns people cannot walk down the street without worrying about being assaulted. On the Gold Coast, many people are afraid to go to restaurants because of what might happen with bikie warfare. Of course, I have already mentioned the issue affecting this city and there are other issues that we would like to speak about as well.

In this state issues around integrity constantly come up and we would like to speak about them. The Leader of Opposition Business has already spoken about the ruling from the Ethics Committee today in relation to the Premier. There are other issues of integrity, such as dodgy polls used to find out what people think. The CCC said that the poll about election bunting should have been changed, but it was not changed. We want to ask more questions about the payments made to the head of bushfire recovery. For a 12-week appointment, five weeks of which he is on leave, he will receive \$57,000. Those are the types of issues that we want more time to debate, because Queenslanders want this government to be held to account. Only an LNP government will do that and only an LNP government will deliver what is best for Queensland.