




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Crime

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (2.06 pm): The first responsibility of any government is to keep their community safe. People deserve the right to go to bed at night and know that the car they work hard for will be there in the morning. They deserve to know that while their kids sleep in their beds some low-life grub will not be rifling through the drawers beside them. They just want to go about their lives in a peaceful and safe manner.

The Broadwater community is a great community and it is a safe community. In recent times we have seen a spike in crime. The spike in crime must be addressed. We have seen incidents in Paradise Point that we never thought would be possible—incidents like young offenders with tasers in shopping centres and people waking up to a scene of devastation with someone smashing through a window. In recent times in Hope Island we have seen a spate of break and enters.

I have two calls to make today. The first is that our region deserves more police and so too does the Coomera region where the member is calling for 35 extra police officers. Runaway Bay needs additional police resources too.

There is another thing. It can happen right now and it will not cost the government a cent. The suburb of Hope Island, which is currently administered by the Coomera Police Station, should come under the jurisdiction of Runaway Bay. The Coomera station services a growing population. It is under-resourced and stretched. I think there is a community of interest to put Hope Island and the resources from the police beat there in with Runaway Bay. It would improve efficiency. I will not sugar-coat the need for more police—that is an absolute necessity—but right now this government could do that with the stroke of a pen and give those communities the certainty they deserve.

It also requires tougher laws. The contrast between this side of the House and the government on this is stark. What will a Frecklington LNP government do? It will have tougher laws for repeat offenders. It will monitor youth offenders 24/7. There will be mandatory detention for the third conviction. Everybody deserves a second chance, but not a fifth, not a seventh and not a 13th. There will be community payback farms to make sure that people can curb their behaviour. We will scrap youth bail houses.

Mr Harper interjected.

Mr CRISAFULLI: No-one knows it better than the member for Thuringowa, who will perish because of it.

It is unacceptable that breach of bail is not an offence in this state. It is unacceptable that a magistrate has to use detention as a last resort. The only way people will feel safe in their houses, the only way they will claw back their lifestyle is to change the government at the end of October.