




Speech By
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MOTION

Crime

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (5.54 pm): The contributions of the government members to the motion before the House show what sort of parallel universe the elected members on that side of the House are living in. It is unfortunate that they have lost connection with their communities. Whether it is down the coast, up the coast, Townsville, Cairns or out west, it shows that the Labor Party has completely lost connection because they do not understand what is going on in Queensland; that is, in some of these communities people fear for their lives. Juvenile crime is out of control, and that is because the Labor Party is soft on crime.

The first priority of any government is to protect its people from violence, to protect them in their homes and to protect their belongings. No-one should ever have to live in fear. When I was a lawyer I stood up for victims of crime who had been abused, beaten and robbed. Many of them will never recover from what they suffered, and I will never forget their stories. That is why the LNP is so passionate about fixing up the crime problem in this great state of ours. It is only the LNP that will give the police the resources they are screaming out for.

Five years ago the Palaszczuk government came into this chamber and rolled back the LNP government's tough crime laws, whether it was the bikie laws or breach of bail. Mr Speaker, let me tell you a story about breach of bail. Five years ago those juveniles worked out that if they offended whilst on bail it did not matter anymore, and there has been a revolving door of juveniles committing offences since that day. Those juveniles who were 12 five years ago are now 17, and guess who they have been educating? They have been educating the next generation. Five years is all it has taken for the figures to go through the roof in this great state of ours. It is only the LNP that is prepared to stand up for our police in this great state. It is only the LNP that will give the police the resources they are asking for, and it is only the LNP that will put into this parliament members who understand. People like Laura Gerber in Currumbin, who is out there doorknocking, and people like Inspector Glenn Doyle from Mundingburra know that crime is an issue.

Government members interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I hear those opposite and I see some ministers shaking their heads because they know what is coming on this side of the House. We already have our fair share of police officers on this side of the House. Well, there are more police officers coming, and they are coming to protect the people of Queensland in this chamber because both Laura Gerber and Glenn Doyle know what is needed. They know that the bikies are back on the Gold Coast. Inspector Glenn Doyle made the choice to leave the police force so he can look after and protect the people of Townsville because they want the laws changed. They want a government that stands up for their community. He knows that the Labor Party is soft on crime. He knows that people want to be protected, and that is why people like Glenn Doyle and Laura Gerber are coming out of the woodwork to stand for the LNP because they believe that the Labor Party has let them down in their communities, whether it is from Coolangatta to the cape—

Mr Bleijie: Maiwar. Lauren in Maiwar.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I will take that interjection, and Lauren Day in Maiwar, where crime is a massive issue as well, just like it is in Clayfield, just like it is everywhere. It is only the LNP that is taking back control of this state by giving the police the resources that they are pleading for.

A government member interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Well, let us look at the crime rates in Beenleigh. I will table this.

Tabled paper. Article from *Albert & Logan News*, dated 13 February 2020, titled 'Boxing centre opens' [[298](#)].

Mr SPEAKER: The member's time has expired.

(Time expired)

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I table it so the member over there will actually wake up and read—

Mr SPEAKER: The member's time has expired. I do not want to have to give another warning. That was well and truly over time.