



Speech By  
**Trevor Watts**


**MEMBER FOR TOWOOMBA NORTH**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Crime**

 **Mr WATTS** (Toowoomba North—LNP) (10.12 am): I give notice that I will move—

That this House:

1. Notes:
  - (a) Queenslanders perceive crime to be out of control across Queensland, with reports Queenslanders feel unsafe in their own homes and communities;
  - (b) youth crime gangs actively terrorise communities across South-East Queensland on a daily basis;
  - (c) the Townsville community is a powder-keg, with families' homes being invaded, cars stolen and lawlessness out of control;
  - (d) criminal bikies and organised gangs are out of control, with increasing public acts of violence including shootings and fire-bombings;
  - (e) open expressions of concern from senior police about an 'absolute escalation of violence' between gangs;
  - (f) several violent incidents involving young people that have shone a shocking spotlight on the problem of youth crime on the Gold Coast;
  - (g) Labor's revolving door youth justice system, with 10 per cent of all young offenders committing 44 per cent of offences;
  - (h) media reports that the Premier insisted there was no crime problem in Townsville and her Labor members should stop complaining about it;
  - (i) violence on Cape York;
  - (j) media reports that the member for Rockhampton and member for Nudgee are concerned about crime in their electorates; and
  - (k) Labor's weaker youth justice laws, removing breach of bail as an offence.
2. Condemns the Palaszczuk Labor government's appalling record on crime across Queensland, with five years of failed policies and wrong priorities that have put community safety at risk.