



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR HERVEY BAY**

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**MOTION**

**Hervey Bay, Youth Crime**

 **Mr TANTARI** (Hervey Bay—ALP) (5.14 pm): I support the amendment moved by the minister. What a pathetic motion moved by the member for Burdekin—absolutely pathetic! All the motion shows is the level to which those opposite will stoop to create fear and spread misinformation in our regions, including my own, for their own political gain. They do not really care about what they have raised in their motion. We on this side know what they are really about: only the politics.

It is very disappointing for the people of Hervey Bay to hear those opposite talk down the great work being done by our nurses, doctors, paramedics, police officers and the many hardworking public servants who provide great services for the people of Hervey Bay. Particularly disappointing is the behaviour of the member for Burdekin, who blows into town, talks to no-one other than his LNP mates, proceeds to find a camera to stare into and in a forlorn manner stands there to rehash the same old Newman government mantra, like a broken record: boot camps, blah, blah; lock them up, blah, blah; throw away the keys, blah, blah—the same tired old garbage and the same lazy, unproven policy.

I am surprised that the member for Mudgeeraba even has the gall to turn up at our great hospital, given the disgraceful mess the member and her LNP mates left the Hervey Bay Hospital in the last time they were in power. I say to those opposite: the people of Hervey Bay will never forget the cutting of services, the sacking of our doctors and nurses and the shameful plans to sell off anything that was not bolted down. For the record, this government has proven to be a champion for the people of Hervey Bay.

**Mrs Frecklington** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Order! Member for Nanango, you are warned.

**Mr TANTARI:** We on this side of the House know that by providing new and enhanced services we are keeping the people of Hervey Bay safe. We have increased police numbers. We have increased our hospital services. We have increased the number of paramedics. We have new facilities including \$40 million for the Hervey Bay Hospital—a 35-bed expansion; \$39 million for our 22-bed mental health unit; and our new ambulance station. These expanded and new facilities are part of the excellent Health and Hospitals Plan that is at the forefront of the Palaszczuk government's detailed plan for improving healthcare services for Hervey Bay residents.

We on this side of the House acknowledge that there will always be amongst us those who do not want to follow the law and commit crimes that have a devastating effect on victims. We understand that. We on this side also know that youth misbehaviour and crime—I said it: 'crime'—is a complex issue that requires the attention of all levels of government. That is why at my instigation a couple of months ago I invited every member of my local council to a meeting with the Minister for Youth Justice and me to discuss this very serious matter with our local community leaders. I table a copy of that letter.

*Tabled paper:* Letter, dated 9 June 2022, from the member for Hervey Bay, Mr Adrian Tantari MP, to Fraser Coast Regional Council, Councillor David Lee, regarding a meeting to discuss youth antisocial behaviours in Hervey Bay [1167](#).

I thank the minister for her attendance. All concerned local councillors representing divisions overlaying the electorate of Hervey Bay accepted the invitation. The minister and I spoke to them about the policy suite that is in place to address these issues. We heard feedback from each individual councillor who attended. It is interesting to note for the House that, of all the councillors present, not one raised the issue of youth crime as a concern to their constituencies.

This does not underplay the impacts on victims of the actions of individuals, but for the member for Burdekin to cry LNP tears about how much they care about youth crime and for one of their own LNP councillors, Councillor David Lee, to not even bother to turn up to talk to the Minister for Youth Justice about solutions to its so-called devastating impacts clearly shows how concerned the LNP really are about these issues. It is all just about the politics to them—nothing more.

If those opposite would like to hear what we on this side of the House are doing to address this behaviour, maybe they should tell their own side to turn up. We on this side know that it is nothing but a game to them. They are not serious about real solutions or about caring for the people of Hervey Bay. All they care about is their desperate attempt to claw back Hervey Bay.