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ADJOURNMENT

Public Housing, Tenant Behaviour

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (7.00 pm): There is an idyllic place called Paradise Point on the Broadwater and it is a proud community. However, right now there is some behaviour—unruliness—that is creating unease and it is unacceptable. I refer to some of the goings-on in Errol Avenue and a battle we have been fighting for a couple of years. It is a behaviour from a very small number—an extremely small number—of tenants in a social housing property—

Mr Power interjected.

Mr MANDER: I rise to a point of order. We have interjections from somebody who is not sitting in their correct seat.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Bush): Member for Logan, if you are going to interject you will need to move back to your seat.

Mr CRISAFULLI: It is spoiling the amenity of neighbouring properties—and I have spoken with families, retirees, a teacher and an airline worker—but it is also spoiling it for the tenants of that housing commission property. There are some great people in there. I want to tell the stories of two who have reached out to me about the behaviour of some of their cohort. The first one states—

The havoc—
they—

are causing me from constant loud music, swearing, unduly driving ... is so bad, I have PTSD from really bad times in my life brought on from anxiety and stress, and this is adding to it.

Another gentleman who had the tyres of his car slashed has been too afraid to go to the police. These are tenants of that public housing property and they want their serenity back. For two years we have been taking up the fight. We have spoken with local police and representatives from the department of housing. Residents have urged me to go public because nothing is changing at the moment with regard to a small number of tenants who are not being held accountable by the state government. We have written, we have called and now I am asking the government to listen. We will now be taking the fight to the minister and we are taking it publicly because this cannot go on.

An extremely high needs client resided there and was evicted from the property in April but returned the same night. The windows were smashed in the property. We need high-needs people to be able to get the care they deserve and the people on the waiting list need access to properties like this. For years this property has been an integral part of the community. Its tenants have been welcomed. They have been embraced. Right now the unruly behaviour of a few is tearing the community apart. The businesses are reporting theft and neighbours are reporting night-times of havoc—music and vandalism—and it has to stop. The government has to acknowledge there are people on waiting lists who deserve these properties. They deserve a roof over their head and these people who are causing havoc do not deserve to live without there being protections for others.