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## ADJOURNMENT

### Toowoomba South Electorate, Crime

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (8.30 pm): The member for Toowoomba North and I have spoken repeatedly about crime in our wonderful city. Both he and I will not stop talking about it until there has been government intervention to strengthen the law and strengthen the local police resourcing. I want to speak tonight about a couple of experiences that people in my electorate are living through. They are horrifying. I want to reflect on Ken Cunliffe who has presented me with 29 individual cases just from a single social media post that Ken has done, talking about crime across the city. I know these 29 entries have been forwarded to the youth justice minister. I implore the minister to read them and to take them seriously. I will speak in another time in the House about those 29 instances. Thank you, Ken, for your continuing efforts.

I want to talk about the impact of crime on people who are going to bed with garden tools under their beds because they are fearful. They are selling their houses because of the repeated crime in their streets and against them individually. I want to talk about the scale of the problem when children cannot go to sleep; children are needing to see psychologists. I want to talk about the scale of the problem that has seen a 599 per cent increase in the number of charges being laid for the unlawful use of a motor vehicle—a 599 per cent increase over the last six years. This is extraordinary! This is Toowoomba.

I want to talk about the scale of the problem where my wife is simply out walking on a Friday afternoon and runs into someone near to our home who is saying they are getting together at 4.30 pm on a grim Saturday afternoon in Toowoomba and can I come along and speak with them. That is a community which has had enough. It is a crisis and my people feel like they are at war in our streets. This government is not listening. They are not changing the law. They are not strengthening police resourcing.

Finally in the few moments I have left, I want to speak about one family's experience. Youth were seeking to steal the cars of this family who had been in their bed. The window was smashed by these young offenders. They were disrupted by this family in Rangeville. At that moment, these young offenders started banging on the front door, yelling, 'Give us your keys! Give us your keys!' The seven-year-old child in their bed thought that these people were yelling at them, 'Give us your kids! Give us your kids!' That is what my community is living through, and the member for Toowoomba North and I will not stop talking about it.