



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Nanango Electorate, Youth Crime

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (7.00 pm): On Monday evening of this week whilst parked and eating a pizza in his car innocently playing Pokemon GO a young man was pulled from his vehicle by five other people, assaulted and left dazed as they stole his car, his phone and his wallet. This young man was bleeding and hurt, but amazingly he was able to drag himself up a very steep hill. It took him quite a while to get himself home. Can you imagine his parents' shock when they opened their front door to find him bloodied and very shaken? He then spent the night in hospital. This terrible event will change his life and his family's lives forever. There have also been a multitude of break-ins and home invasions around the South Burnett.

The juvenile criminals are known to our local police and the police are doing everything they can to bring these criminals to justice, but they have limited resources. Our local hardworking police are under-resourced and understaffed, and they are screaming out for help, so thanks must go to them. Meanwhile, the mayor of Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, Elvie Sandow, has called me in relation to this issue. She was watching these alleged criminals drive around her town in the stolen car. She had been trying to get assistance to get these young thugs put away. She was standing outside council chambers watching them drive by, so I want to speak in this House today to show my support of Mayor Elvie Sandow and the Cherbourg community. Her community is outraged, frustrated, frightened and fed up. Just a few days earlier Elvie sent me photos of two burnt-out cars. These are Elvie's words on the council Facebook page—

Mayor Elvie Sandow, fellow councillors and management wish to make it known we do not in any way condone car theft. We share our community's frustration and disgust at those who are endangering the lives of not just themselves and their friends but our gundoo, elders, uncles, aunties who live with us. You are not a hero or clever stealing cars, speeding and skidding through our streets. When does this stop?

She goes on—

You are not just giving yourself a bad name; you are giving our Cherbourg community a bad name and reputation. What about the people you are stealing from? What happens to them? They work hard and feed their families, pay their bills, raise their families. How much damage and hurt are your actions causing? Just stop and think. You should be ashamed of yourself.

That is from Mayor Sandow. She wants help. Our police are under-resourced, understaffed and they need more help. Bring back breach of bail!