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## **PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT**

### **Redlands, Youth Crime**

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (2.56 pm): Local Redlanders continue to voice their concerns about youth crime in Cleveland and on the Redlands coast and to call for more resources from the state government to combat it. The death of Matt Field, Kate Leadbetter and baby Miles on Australia Day 2021 was a tragedy that rocked the Redlands coast community. A repeat offending youth stole a car and with it killed three innocent people, stealing their lives from them and leaving behind shattered parents, grandparents, other family members and friends. Sadly, the government's response to this and other tragic incidents has been far from adequate.

In the current system under this government's management, offenders are still able to walk the streets after breaching bail or parole conditions. Young offenders are exploiting these flaws in the system in what has been described as a revolving-door policy attitude to juvenile crime in Queensland. The government's approach does not meet community expectations and the government must do more to protect innocent Redlands locals from recidivist youth offenders.

Sadly, not a week goes by without local reports of youth offending in the Redlands. In Raby Bay, Cleveland Point, Wellington Point and elsewhere, break and enters, car thefts, hooning and antisocial behaviour, among other crimes, seem to be on the increase despite the hard work of our local police, who do an excellent job. Breakouts of hooning and antisocial behaviour have again occurred in certain hotspots in recent times. Wellington Point Recreation Reserve has been abused over many years by young hoons who have no regard for local residents. Speeding up to Cleveland Point, hooning and antisocial behaviour in the VMR carpark is not on.

On 9 August at the VMR Raby Bay, Cleveland, I attended a public meeting with deeply concerned local community representatives Councillor Peter Mitchell, Redland City Council officers and Police Senior Sergeant Michael Morier, the OIC at Cleveland station. We had a constructive conversation about the local issues and possible solutions. I want to thank Councillor Peter Mitchell for pulling things together and for his tireless work on behalf of local residents. I also thank Senior Sergeant Morier for his time and commitment to policing in our community.

I want to be clear to all those who participated and to all residents in areas impacted by hooning and young loutish behaviour that, despite the limited resources from the state government, I will continue to work with the police, the council and locals to do all we can to combat youth criminal behaviour and to deal with these repeat youth offenders. I also take a moment to thank all those who have contacted my office to express their concerns and who help us and the police to keep our community safe. The Redlands community expects this government to do more to keep them safe and to deal strongly with repeat youth offenders.