




Speech By
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TOBACCO AND OTHER SMOKING PRODUCTS AMENDMENT BILL

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (4.42 pm): Before I start my contribution on the bill, I must say that I view a contribution about accepting donations from anyone from the Labor Party a little hypocritical because of the fact that they still take donations from the CFMEU, which raided the office of the transport—

Mr Whiting interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Lister): The member for Bancroft is warned under the standing orders.

Mr CRISAFULLI: The fact is that the member for Bancroft is endorsed by and is a member of the CFMEU himself and the irony is not lost on me today. He is owned lock, stock and barrel. He comes into this place all righteous, but should people accept money from the likes of an entity that storms hardworking public servants' workplaces? That is a little bit rich.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition, I am conscious of the fact that you are responding to remarks by the member for Bancroft. However, I ask you to return to the relevance of the bill.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I join the member for Warrego in calling this out for what it is. While you would be hard-pressed to find anyone who will disagree with anything in this bill, without enforcement the best of intentions will not deliver results for everyday people. The fact that under the current regime there are more illegal chop-chop venues than there are legal tobacconists shows that what we have at the moment is not working. Surely the limited number of convictions shows how much work needs to be done.

Mr Power interjected.

Ms Bates interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Logan is warned under the standing orders and the member for Mudgeeraba is very close.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I want to talk about another missed opportunity. I have read about enhancing the protection of children from the dangers of smoking and expanding outdoor non-smoking areas, which is wonderful and we all welcome that. However, at the moment there is another risk that our children are facing and it is the risk to them from vapes and e-cigarettes. I am mindful of the work of the committee and I know that both levels of government have an interest in doing something in this space. However, through vapes big tobacco has been able to rebrand its image to hoodwink a new generation of vulnerable minds into believing that nicotine is not harmful and that nicotine is cool. This bill does not address or acknowledge that. It speaks about the risk to children from traditional smoking but it does

not address the elephant in the room at the moment. A large number of children are not smoking traditional cigarettes anymore—they are not. However, the volume of children who are experimenting with and using vapes regularly is frightening. This parliament and other parliaments have to acknowledge that and accept it.

Ms Pease: So it is great that the federal government has and we are doing the inquiry.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I take the interjection from the member for Lytton. I acknowledged that, member for Lytton. That was the first thing I did.

Ms Pease: Good.

Mr CRISAFULLI: It is good, thank you. I acknowledge that but I am addressing the elephant in the room, which is that this is one of the greatest challenges that we face as a state and a nation. I will conclude my remarks by saying that I have not met a Queenslander in my electorate of Broadwater or from across the state who would not support everything in this bill. People see merit in it. However, it needs better enforcement and we need to get serious about addressing the issue that is not in here, which is the use of vapes and e-cigarettes by our youth.