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Vehicle Theft

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (5.21 pm): In May when the Premier moved the ministerial deckchairs she said that it marked a new beginning. That is what the Premier said: a new beginning. As she recycled a failed attorney-general back into the old attorney-general's space and a failed youth justice minister back into the youth justice minister's space, how many times will there be a new beginning for this government when it comes to youth justice?

We saw it today. The people out the front of parliament would not think it is a new beginning here in Queensland. In fact, on the contrary, they would believe that what we are seeing is a continuation of the crime crisis that began nearly 10 years ago when the Palaszczuk Labor government weakened the laws here in Queensland. There is no new beginning; it is just a sad repetition of history.

I am also reminded that six months ago on the main street of Toowoomba Robert Brown died. That was six months ago. Since that time notwithstanding the many changes to the youth crime laws those opposite still have not adopted the solutions put forward by the opposition and I continue to meet victims of crime day after day. I am sick of hearing from young couples held at knifepoint, stabbed, hit with a car jack and robbed. I am sick of meeting with young teachers who have been terrorised—they and their families—in their homes. I am sick of meeting with young kids who cannot walk from Harristown to Clifford Gardens. I am sick of hearing from business owners who have been repeatedly and violently targeted. We will continue to be their voice—and we have heard from the member for Burdekin—and I am going to continue to be the voice of victims of crime in Toowoomba, in my city.

We know that the Premier does not want to talk about it. We know that. She refused to meet the organisers of the victims group today. She refused to come to Toowoomba to meet the victims of crime in my city. The Premier does not want to talk about it. We know that. Those on that side of the House do not want to talk about it. We know that. There are no more egregious examples of members of parliament who do not want to talk about victims of crime than the members in Far North Queensland: the members for Barron River, Cairns and Cook. That is the beautiful city of Cairns that is held hostage by repetitive hardcore offenders on the streets. Businesses that desperately need to get ahead in that proud tourist city have been targeted repetitively by the same offenders because the government's laws will not deal with it.

For all the silence of the Far North Queensland members of parliament, there is one voice in the far north that will be ready to stand with victims and speak up for them. That is Yolonde Entsch, our candidate in Cairns, and there are many more wonderful candidates in the far north and across regional Queensland to come. They are coming and they will be the voice for victims in this House. They will speak up for stronger laws, gold standard early intervention and the right kind of approach to youth justice in the criminal law in this state.

The Premier talked in May about a new beginning. We have seen with the recycled Attorney-General and the recycled youth justice minister that there will be no new beginning. We are just getting more of the same. We saw this afternoon on a dark day for democracy in Queensland exactly what this government is all about. Never forget that the failed attorney-general brought 17-year-olds into the youth justice system and she removed breach of bail. The former and failed youth justice minister was the one who oversaw the implementation of 17-year-olds into youth justice without a plan that saw the watch house crisis. We are continuing to see the changes through that this afternoon.

In relation to the dark day for democracy here in Queensland that we have seen this afternoon, that is not the first time for them. We know they have form: 235 amendments, over 100 pages introduced at 9.30 at night from the Attorney-General. We have seen repetitive changes to the law over and over again with no plan from that side of the House. We have an Attorney-General that will take political donations from entities that she regulates. There is only one way for a new beginning here in Queensland and that is the election of a Crisafulli-led LNP government.