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 **Mr HUNT** (Caloundra—ALP) (5.31 pm): I am delighted to talk in support of the amendment. I am particularly delighted to talk about the member for Maroochydore's reflection on the Sunshine Coast's crime rate. If we go to Queensland police MyGov data, according to our police the overall crime rate on the Sunshine Coast in 2014, in the last year of the LNP 'reign of terror', was 6,657 offences per 100,000 people. This year, the overall crime rate is 5,527 offences per 100,000 people. It is actually lower.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order, members!

Mr HUNT: We know that, if confronted by the facts, those opposite will shriek that somehow the facts themselves are magically denying the problem. In Maroochydore, for example, the overall crime rate in 2014 was 9,264 offences per 100,000 people. As at 2023, it is 6,328 offences per 100,000 people. It is lower by almost a third. With this government, thanks to the outstanding efforts of our local police and our TMR staff, we have installed five ANPR cameras around the Sunshine Coast and, as we speak, our brand new—

An opposition member interjected.

Mr HUNT: That is why it is calculated per capita.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Comments will come through the chair.

Mr HUNT: As we speak, our brand new, state-of-the-art police station in Caloundra South is being built and it will include 30 extra police. Compare that to the LNP, who are almost unique in Australia. They decreased community safety by marching back laws around child sex offenders. That is their community safety legacy! A purloined Peugeot sends them into fits of fake outrage, but they were not worried at all about tracking paedophiles last time they were in government. Talk about priorities!

In the same way, they are intent on making up stories about desalination plants. Then I wondered: what other type of facility needs to be located on the coast for access to water? It is nuclear reactors. We have the federal LNP member for Fairfax on the Sunshine Coast radiating enthusiasm for a reactor on the coast. In an article titled 'Time to Talk Nuclear', he went to Hiroshima to talk about how great and safe nuclear reactors are—Hiroshima! If we are talking about being open about large coastal facilities, let's hear from the LNP members for Kawana, Maroochydore and Ninderry. Where do you want the nukes? Buderim and Glass House are okay—they are on high ground. All they have to do is worry about fallout. Where do you want the nuclear reactors?

That brings us to passenger rail. This government is the only state government to have spent money—in the millions—around a business case for passenger rail. When they were last in government, every Sunshine Coast LNP member bar Nicklin was an LNP cabinet minister, and they

contributed not one red cent to passenger rail. They spent more money on their dodgy corflutes demanding passenger rail than they actually spent on passenger rail! This government is advancing the business case, as is the necessary next step.

Mr Mickelberg interjected.

Mr HUNT: I will take that interjection from the member for Buderim. I am actually quoting the member for Fairfax when I say the 'necessary next step'. This government built the mighty Bells Creek arterial. This government is continuing with rail duplication while the state LNP has delivered precisely nothing. The last major LNP road project in my electorate was the Nicklin Way extension, completed by Mike Ahern and gazetted in 1977—46 years ago. Some of your leadership team were not even born! Housing supply is what helps with rent, and this government is delivering new social housing builds in Caloundra, Beerwah and Yandina—compared to the LNP, who delivered how many new commencements in 2013-14?

Mr Madden: How many?

Mr HUNT: I am glad you asked—zero. What do our federal LNP members have to say about spending on housing? Andrew Wallace, the Liberal member for Fisher, reckons now is not the time. The member for Pumicestone and I have secured full-time maritime safety enforcement officers for the Pumicestone Passage. We have had the navigation markers realigned and we have had the speed limit halved, from 40 knots to 20 knots. We have made real progress and we will protect the Nirimba State School from the LNP cuts of \$15 million.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Before I call the next speaker, member for Kawana, you used some unparliamentary language. Your honesty was very parliamentary, but I will still ask you to withdraw.

Mr BLEIJIE: I withdraw.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.