




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 **Dr ROBINSON** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (7.19 pm): It was my privilege to join LNP leader David Crisafulli this morning in parliament to welcome Redlanders impacted by Labor's youth crime crisis in the Redlands. I want to thank locals Candice, Gary, Sara, Natalie, Adam, Daniel and Karen for being prepared to speak out about the reality on the ground that they and others are facing. I want to thank LNP leader David Crisafulli, LNP candidate for Redlands Rebecca Young, and local Bianca Kemp for caring about Redlands victims who are suffering from Labor's youth crime crisis. These Redlanders came to parliament to make it clear that the youth crime crisis in the Redlands is not a media beat-up.

That is why this morning in question time while these local witnesses were in the gallery I asked the Premier what action she has taken to discipline her government's senior whip for his statement that the youth crime crisis is a media beat-up. True to form, the Premier squibbed the answer. Premier, the youth crime crisis is real and it is hurting Redland families, despite what misguided Labor MPs think. Redlanders today told us that cars are stolen, homes are being broken into. There have been violent threats and kids' playgrounds have been burned down, leaving mums feeling unsafe. People are fearful in their own homes. It is real; it is occurring. Police are overstretched and feeling overwhelmed. There is widespread community concern in the Redlands at the extent of juvenile criminal activity. The crisis and chaos is not being fixed and locals know it. Crime is up and police numbers are down.

The voices of victims of crime like the Fields and Leadbetters will never be forgotten. Russell Field was clearly offended and disturbed by the insensitive comments made by the member for Capalaba. When it comes to the youth crime crisis, this government is stuck in neutral and Queensland is rolling backwards. The Premier must admit there is a youth crime crisis, apologise to Redlands victims of crime and sack her whip. If she will not listen to the voices of victims then Redlanders can respond to the call from Russell Field and let Labor know how you feel at election time. In other words, show Labor the door in 2024!