




Speech By
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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure) (9.49 am): The Palaszczuk government is committed to tackling crime and the complex causes of crime. We introduced tough new laws and increased investment—a raft of measures based on evidence and feedback from the community, police and other stakeholders. We are doing more to assist Queenslanders with crime prevention and to support victims including funding vehicle immobilisers and funding to provide better support and counselling for victims of crime. We are investing an additional \$100 million to expand programs proven to make a difference at breaking the cycle.

In line with community expectations, we have also announced we will build two new youth detention centres—one in South-East Queensland and one in Cairns. Design and planning is underway for both facilities. Both new centres will include therapeutic design elements which aim to support rehabilitation for young offenders and improve community safety. Therapeutic approaches to youth detention have been in operation across many jurisdictions, with evidence showing positive outcomes for young people including reduced recidivism and higher rates of successful reintegration into communities. These facilities will support the government's goal to provide more regional detention services closer to where young people live, closer to family and community connections.