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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Victims of Crime, Women

 **Ms CAMM** (Whitsunday—LNP) (2.00 pm): The LNP opposition believes victims of crime, the LNP opposition believes domestic and family violence victims and an LNP government will believe domestic violence victims—unlike those opposite. Today we heard the police minister and the Premier claiming to have not known about the issue of releasing the private information of a domestic violence victim. This was the person they needed to protect, but in fact they protected the perpetrator. This victim had done everything to protect herself, and I want to applaud her for her courage in coming forward to the minister, not just once but three times, where it fell on deaf ears. This highlights a systemic failure by the minister's office and the Police Service that he oversees.

The LNP have pointed out system failures over the past four years, with the DNA lab debacle being the greatest of them. We saw hundreds of victims failed by this Labor government. We continue to stand up for victims. We continue to believe women. Women are not safer under this Labor government. I hear those opposite, particularly the female members, scaremongering across this state. I give an undertaking to women across this state that they will be safer under an LNP government, that they do not have anything to fear about their personal health and safety and their choices. When they come forward to make a decision to flee domestic and family violence, when they come forward to make a choice about their body, when they come forward to make a choice about the way in which they want to live their life in this state, they should be able to do that in a way that is free, that is safe and that is respected by the government that leads this state.

DV victims under this Labor government are not safer. Women under this Labor government are not safer, and that has been demonstrated time and time again by every statistic that is out there. Those opposite want the women of Queensland to believe that they are safer, but they do nothing but pay lip-service. Under an LNP government, we will make sure that women are safe, we will make sure that perpetrators are held to account and we will make sure that ministers take accountability and action when a victim cries out for support.

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