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**QUEENSLAND FOOD FARMERS' COMMISSIONER BILL; CROSS-BORDER
COMMISSIONER BILL; NIGHT-LIFE ECONOMY COMMISSIONER BILL**

 **Ms LEAHY** (Warrego—LNP) (7.42 pm): In this very short debate, I want to welcome the appointment of the Cross-Border Commissioner. It has been LNP policy for a number of years. In 2020, the member for Southern Downs and I had the pleasure of announcing this policy. I am disappointed that, in the dying days of this term, the Labor government are so desperate that they are now announcing LNP policy initiatives.

I make the point that the Cross-Border Commissioner is not all about youth crime. There are many other issues that the Cross-Border Commissioner will need to deal with. On the border we deal with things such as disasters and also simple interactions that are affected because systems can be different across different jurisdictions. I mention Mungindi in my electorate. The Mungindi Hospital is in Queensland but it services a lot of patients from New South Wales. In many cases, we find that physiotherapists cannot visit their own patients in the Mungindi Hospital for the simple reason that they are not credentialed in Queensland. There are many things that need to be dealt with by the Cross-Border Commissioner in relation to licensing. People think that many things operate east-west but in fact, when you live in a border community, it is the north-south interaction that is important.