




Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MOGGILL**

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### **MAKING QUEENSLAND SAFER BILL**

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (9.16 pm): This is a desperate Labor opposition. They have not listened over the last 10 years and as a consequence community safety has been jeopardised right across Queensland. The government was given a clear mandate at the last state election to ensure these laws were passed and passed by Christmas with the purpose of restoring community safety in communities throughout Queensland. Time is of the essence. The committee has done a terrific job. Yes, it was in a short timeframe, but that was because of the amount of crime that is occurring right across Queensland. We have to acknowledge the work that was done by the member for Nicklin and the other LNP committee members and the entire committee in getting the report done.

This amendment that has been moved tonight is really an attempt to divert, to obfuscate and also to stall. That is what the Labor Party is trying to do with these amendments: they are trying to stall; they are trying to delay the vote. When it comes to these laws and the amendments, they are trying to redraw and redraft, particularly those elements around removing detention as a last resort and not looking at the entire history of offenders, that is simply not on and it is simply not what the people of Queensland want. Queenslanders actually want strong laws put in place. They want to ensure that this is dealt with swiftly. They do not want to see any laziness, and we are seeing laziness from the Labor opposition when it comes to this because the Labor Party has not been focused on community safety for the last 10 years.

Trying to redraft and redraw these laws at the last minute is an attempt by them to actually have all of these laws scrapped, because we know they are not committed to community safety. The Labor Party has never been committed to community safety. They have never been committed to the rights of victims. They have never been committed to ensuring we have laws to deal with some of these serious issues. That is why their record is one of failure when it comes to law and order and community safety in Queensland. As such, I move—

That the question be now put.

**Mr RYAN:** Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Under standing order 88, which relates to the question being put, paragraph (2) says that you have to be of the opinion that the question has been sufficiently debated and it is not an infringement of members' rights. I have sought the call four times. I am respectful of your opinion and I was not quick enough, but I would submit, Mr Speaker, that it would be an infringement of my rights, after trying to seek the call four times, for the question to be put at this time.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** I will talk to the Clerk, and I will have silence while I am talking to the Clerk. It is my view that we are not contributing anything extra to this debate. I think this debate is exhausted. I am sorry if you think you have a red-hot point to make, but I am going to put the question.