



Speech By  
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 **Mr PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (3.57 pm): Like previous speakers, I also want to acknowledge and wish the former premier well in retirement. During Women's Week, and tomorrow being International Women's Day, we need to acknowledge that she was the first female premier of Queensland democratically elected from opposition. We cannot let those opposite rewrite history. After a week of being lectured to by the current Premier about respect for women, it was the current Premier, Steven Miles, who undermined our first democratically elected female premier to get the job. In doing so, and mindful of the fact that she was preferred over him by the electors of Queensland, he also railroaded his cabinet colleague and factional ally to get the job from another woman, whom he undermined to get the job. We are not going to let those opposite rewrite history.

There is one inescapable and undeniable truth, one indisputable legacy the former premier has left for Queensland: she oversaw and instigated the crime crisis that is gripping Queensland at the moment. Others have articulated how she overtly and proudly watered down the laws in 2015 and 2016. In December 2023, when the then premier was rolled, Queensland was breaking records across the state across all categories of crime when it came to the number of victims. The figures speak for themselves, and I acknowledge the minister trying to correct the record. In 2012 there were 241,000 victims in Queensland; in 2014 that dropped by 30,000; and in December 2023 there were 342,783 victims across Queensland. That is the legacy of this government, this current Premier and the former premier.