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
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## **MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

### **Miles Labor Government, Performance**

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (2.00 pm): In the final sitting week of this parliamentary term Queenslanders got a view of what the parliamentary term has been all about: one side offering solutions to the big crises facing this state; the other, in a desperate, unmitigated personal attack, flailing for their political survival. We will see more of this desperation as this government, which has run out of ideas and run out of a mandate for Queensland's future, seeks to cling to power by trying to scare Queenslanders into giving them a fourth term and 14 years in office.

The battlelines for the next election have been drawn. The question Queenslanders will ask themselves is this: after 10 years of this government are things better or worse when it comes to youth crime, health, housing, cost of living and who has the right plan for Queensland's future? The LNP has the right plan for Queensland's future. It starts with making our communities safer. If Queenslanders vote for change, by the end of the year the making our communities safer laws will be law: we will implement adult crime, adult time; detention as a last resort will be removed; and the sentencing provisions will be amended to ensure that the rights of victims count ahead of the rights of offenders.

We have spoken a lot about early intervention. Every time we raise it the government talks about a figure. The figure we talk about is victim numbers. The victim numbers in this state will be the barometer by which we are held accountable if Queenslanders vote for change. There are more victims in Queensland than anywhere else in the country, which shows that what the government is doing is not working. We need stronger laws, we need gold standard early intervention and we need rehabilitation with purpose. We will never give up on young people. When young offenders are released from detention they need to have a structure to keep them on the straight and narrow. When over 90 per cent of offenders reoffend within 12 months it is obvious that everything the government is doing is broken—including keeping our most vulnerable safe.

Two decades ago, a bright young boy from the Sunshine Coast went missing. He was taken in the most horrific of circumstances. For two decades, Bruce and Denise Morcombe have fought for change. They have fought to defend the memory of their son and to make sure that others do not go through what they have gone through. They have called for a public child sex offender register. Year after year the LNP has called for a public child sex offender register and the government has found every reason to put the rights of paedophiles ahead of the rights of children. After a decade, this government is trying to rewrite history as though they have never heard about this idea. The Morcombes have been front and centre. Victims have been front and centre. The LNP has been front and centre. If Queenslanders vote for change, the rights of child sex offenders will be put below the rights of vulnerable children.

It starts with the first tier: if known predators do not comply with their terms of release they forgo their rights. People deserve to know if a child sex offender has not kept their reporting obligations with police. They should be named and their image should be out there. The second tier is an

application-based system. You should know the people who are in your local area so that, as a parent, you can keep your child safe. The third tier is a community protection disclosure scheme. If there is someone who is coming into the life of your child, whether it be a parent of a friend of one of your children, whether it be a new person coming into your family environment, you deserve the right to know about that person's past. You deserve the right to be able to keep your child safe. Of course there must be safeguards. It is the police who have to do the enforcement. The parents need to know how to keep their kids away from harm's way. We have to tip the balance of power back in favour of the vulnerable, in favour of the parent, away from the paedophile. If Queenslanders vote for change, this will be law in Queensland. Queenslanders will forever know it as Daniel's law in memory of that bright young boy from the Sunshine Coast.

The LNP is also committed to easier access to health services. It is important that every Queenslander has a world-class health service no matter where they live. There is no doubt that with ambulance ramping remaining stubbornly high for the last six months at almost 45 per cent—the worst six months ever recorded in our nation's history—things must change. The number of people waiting for surgery or waiting to see a specialist continues to rise and it must change. If Queenslanders vote for change we do have the right plan for Queensland's future. Within 100 days Queenslanders will see what is happening in their hospitals.

We want to save Queenslanders from paying for Labor's failures. The days of ministers not being held accountable for projects blowing out in time and in budget must be a thing of the past. One cannot accept that a project can go from six lanes to four, can blow out by years and be twice the price. Only this government can accept that as business as usual. It is important that we have a system in place where workers are well paid, where they are safe, where contracts are adhered to and productivity returns to this state.

We are determined to secure our housing foundations to give the vulnerable a roof over their head, to give working Queenslanders the ability to pay their rent and to give young Queenslanders the hope of owning their home, which is why we will implement Queensland's first ever shared equity scheme. Those who do not have access to the bank of mum and dad should have the ability to get a toehold into the market. Every single cent of the Housing Investment Fund will be spent on new social housing.

We have the right plan for Queensland's future when it comes to re-energising the community housing sector to make sure that the community housing sector can continue to grow as the needs of Queenslanders continue to grow. We have a focus on supply because in the end the feeding frenzy that the government has overseen is a direct result of not getting enough product to market. With 29 per cent fewer lots, more than one in three fewer homes are being built. That has created a situation where Queenslanders do not know, when their rental agreement comes up, whether or not they will be able to afford the next increase, they do not know whether or not they are going to have a roof over their head and they have lost hope of home ownership.

If government changes, Queensland will have the first minister for home ownership, a single point of accountability, to make sure that we go from last to first within a decade. We are going to work harder for Queenslanders. We will conduct ourselves in a way that Queenslanders can be proud of, where Queenslanders can know that the government's focus is on their survival, on their cost-of-living challenges, not on the government's political survival.

Today in the House what we saw was not only a reflection of the last four years but, indeed, an entree into what the election campaign will be like. This is a government that has run out of puff. This is a government that is desperate. This is a government that is clinging for its survival.

This government will do and say anything to stay in power. Its KPI is not whether or not there can be fewer victims. It is not whether or not the Labor Party can see an end to the housing crisis. It is not whether or not we can have structural reform to put downward pressure on things such as insurance and electricity costs so that Queenslanders do not continue to pay record-high prices. That is no longer the focus of this government. This government's focus is on political survival. However, Queenslanders know that there is a better way. Queenslanders are yearning for a fresh start. Queenslanders are determined to see an end to a decade of chaos and crisis. Queenslanders know that there must be a fresh start in this state. Above all, Queenslanders know that nothing will change unless we change this government.