




Speech By  
**Hon. David Crisafulli**  
**MEMBER FOR BROADWATER**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Crisafulli LNP Government**

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (9.47 am): On 26 October, Queenslanders voted for change. They voted for a fresh start. Since the result of the election became clear on that night, my team and I have set about delivering on that promise of a fresh start for our great state. We have heard and we have listened to the concerns of Queenslanders and now we are getting to work on delivering. This is what we will deliver: safety where you live, health services when you need them, respect for your money, a place to call home and a government that works for you. It was those issues—health, housing, cost of living and youth crime—that Queenslanders spoke on loudly and clearly. It has been just over three weeks since the swearing in of our ministry and we have taken immediate action to address these crises head-on. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the Queensland Public Service for their professionalism and dedication in facilitating the smooth transition to office as our cabinet and I go to work.

I have handed down chartered letters to each minister. In those, I have outlined and confirmed the values, deliverables, goals and KPIs for their respective portfolios. The instruction has been given to axe the patient tax so appointments with GPs remain affordable and accessible while the rising cost of living continues to place a strain on household budgets. We have already taken the first steps to remove stamp duty for first home buyers on new builds. That will be abolished. It will improve affordability and help drive new supply into the market. Our housing ministerial taskforce will also work to identify where other opportunities exist to increase supply across our state.

Today, our government will introduce the Making Queensland Safer Bill. The legislation we introduce today will be law by Christmas, just as we promised. My colleagues and I have stood shoulder to shoulder with families who have lost loved ones to crime. We have seen their grief, their pain and their suffering. That has driven our relentless focus in delivering these laws. The laws include Adult Crime, Adult Time. There will be consequences for actions and they will be restored for the perpetrators of serious offences. These laws will properly remove detention as a last resort and they will put the rights of victims ahead of the rights of offenders.

In addition, courts will be allowed to consider a person's full youth justice criminal history when sentencing them as an adult. These laws will serve to act as a deterrent to crime. They will serve to reduce the number of victims. It is important to remember that the laws we will bring before the House today are just one part of a suite of measures this government will implement to start turning the tide on the youth crime crisis in Queensland.

Turning around the lives of juveniles who commit crimes is something we are passionate about. That is why improving access to early intervention and rehabilitation will also play a key role in tackling this problem—as we have often spoken about—but those services must be complemented by strong laws for those serious, repeat offenders, and that is what we are delivering today. It has not yet been a month since the government was sworn in but we are doing what we said we would do for the people of Queensland: we are delivering the fresh start that this state needs.