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**MAKING QUEENSLAND SAFER BILL**

 **Mr BAROUNIS** (Maryborough—LNP) (3.11 pm): The youth crime crisis has affected my community, my electorate and the Fraser Coast region. Recently the courts made a decision about a 15-year-old who, with his actions, killed three people. Another lady has spent many months in hospital and requires extensive rehabilitation. Their families are still suffering and they will suffer forever. Why? Because the former Labor government has failed our community. Queenslanders have spoken. The 13-year-old received six years and after he serves 60 per cent of his sentence he will be out.

Labor's weak laws do not meet community expectations. My community is angry, upset and disappointed with the result. This youth will carry on with his life. His criminal history will be deleted according to the current law which is supported by the Labor Party. Later on in his life this youth could be my son-in-law or maybe yours. Queenslanders trusted the LNP at the recent election to implement new laws. The LNP will deliver these laws by Christmas as we promised. Queenslanders are tired of living in fear. This is why I believe in Adult Crime, Adult Time, consequences for actions, removing detention as a last resort and gold standard early intervention. It will make a difference in people's lives. If those opposite fail to support this bill in its entirety then they are still living in a fantasy world and will be judged accordingly.