




Speech By
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MOTION

Palaszcuk, Hon. A

 **Mrs GERBER** (Currumbin—LNP) (3.33 pm): While I think we can acknowledge that Annastacia Palaszcuk was the longest serving female premier and acknowledge her individually, I cannot sit here and let those opposite rewrite history when it comes to the youth crime crisis. I will outline Annastacia Palaszcuk's legacy on youth crime. In 2015 the Palaszcuk government, with Premier Miles as a senior cabinet minister, proudly started the process of watering down our youth justice laws. They made detention a last resort, abolished breach of bail and abolished early intervention bush camps. In 2016 the Palaszcuk government, with Premier Miles as a senior cabinet minister, closed the Childrens Court to victims and their families.

In 2019 the Palaszcuk government, with Premier Miles as a senior cabinet minister, further watered down our bail laws so more youth offenders could get bail and be back in the community rather than remanded in custody. In 2021 the Palaszcuk government, with Premier Miles as the deputy premier, following the tragic deaths of Matthew and Kate and their unborn son Miles at the hands of youth criminals on bail, backtracked on allowing electronic monitoring devices to be a condition of bail. They also voted against the LNP laws which would have undone the harm they did when they watered down the Bail Act and watered down our laws. They could have made breach of bail an offence back then but they did not.

In 2023 the Palaszcuk government, now with Premier Miles as the deputy premier, following yet another tragic death, finally made breach of bail an offence, copying the LNP's amendment word for word. Sadly, this is the Palaszcuk government's legacy on youth crime. Sadly, over the nine years of the Palaszcuk government we saw 16 people lose their lives to youth crime. Premier Miles sat at the helm with Annastacia Palaszcuk the whole time. I will not let members opposite rewrite history on youth crime.

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