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**MAKING QUEENSLAND SAFER BILL**

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Theodore—LNP) (4.24 pm): I simply rise to make a contribution to a very important bill that, on 26 October this year, Queenslanders very much supported. It is a testament to what has happened in this parliament that the then government—now opposition—lost power because Queenslanders are sick to death of crime. They are sick to death of seeing on the evening news and hearing on social media about crime in their local areas. We all heard harrowing testimonies in this place—today, yesterday and the day before—about the crime that is affecting our local areas and our local constituents. Hardworking mums and dads, single parents, young people—all these families are being touched by it. That is why Queenslanders on the 26th voted for change. They voted for a Crisafulli government to come into this chamber to make a difference, to take action on crime and to take action to deal with this behaviour which is not acceptable in our society.

Yes, it is not an easy fix but there have to be consequences for actions—that is what our constituents are demanding of us. We need to do something about it in this chamber. The Liberal National Party is making those changes. They wanted these individuals to be held to account for their actions. They are sick and tired of individuals with rap sheets which go for pages continually being put out on bail and placing innocent people—our constituents—in harm's way because of their actions. We are debating this in this chamber because for nine years, Queensland has been going down a slippery slope in dealing with this crime crisis. Today we will draw a line in the sand to say 'enough is enough'. I constantly see on my local social media feeds the crime which is affecting my local area. Time and again, my office is contacted by people who say, 'Mark, we need to get tough on these individuals. They are doing whatever they like, whenever they like, and that is not acceptable in our society.'

Yes, we need early intervention. We need programs that deal with their antisocial behaviour but when you have a situation in society when there is no punishment for crime and there is a continuous revolving door, then people—our residents—become fed up. We have been debating this bill for the last three days. Whilst my contribution will be short to allow other members to have their say, I want to say to this chamber and to the people of Queensland: the Liberal National Party, the Crisafulli government, is drawing a line in the sand to take action today because enough is enough.