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## MOTION

### Crime, Media Reporting

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (5.36 pm): I rise to support the shadow minister's motion that Labor has been dismissive of the youth crime crisis and has blamed the media to escape scrutiny. I join the call for the government to admit and fess up to their failure, cease blaming others, do more to support victims and get on with fixing their crisis so that Queenslanders are safe. On this side of the House we know that Labor's youth crime crisis is real. It is not a media beat-up; it is hurting Redlanders and is unduly straining police. In my 22 years in the Redlands—15 years as a state MP—I have never had as much feedback from local victims about acts of crime against them as I have in recent years. Victims are saying that they do not believe they are being listened to properly by this government.

Our local police at the Cleveland and Capalaba stations have been put under great pressure by this crisis, by the lack of support they receive from this government and by the revolving door of the youth justice system that sees serious repeat offenders and other serial offenders released back on the streets. More crime and fewer police equals a less safe community. Police data from the department's website shows the depth of the problem. Between 2015 and 2023 in the Capalaba police division, unlawful use of a motor vehicle is up 20 per cent; unlawful entry is up 22 per cent; other theft is up 23 per cent; and assault is up a massive 219 per cent. Many of these crimes are committed by young offenders. Sadly, local Labor MPs have their heads in the sand. This crisis is not a media beat-up.

Myself and the LNP candidates in Redland City and south-east Brisbane are the only ones in this region who are really listening and seeing the human side of this data. The LNP candidate for Oodgeroo, Amanda Stoker, recently recounted—

I doorknocked Daryl from Thornlands last Friday ... He's had 2 cars stolen from his driveway, and has had to shell out for a home security system he never dreamed he'd need. He had to use its speaker feature to scare off young people trying to break into the house while he and his wife were inside. It was very scary for them.

This week when doorknocking in the Redlands the awesome LNP candidate, Rebecca Young, heard from a lady in Thornlands who shared how she was recently stalked in the car park at Woolworths. The male who stalked her was a teenager in a hoodie and she felt that if she had not locked her handbag in her car while returning her trolley she may have lost it. She said she just does not feel safe doing a simple act like grocery shopping and she feels like she is constantly on the lookout. This is the same car park where just a few months prior a group of young people stole alcohol from the BWS shop and were caught outside by the community.

Rebecca Young also reports that a lady in her early 40s from Redland Bay relayed to her that—

I'm so stressed about the whole situation as I was sleeping on the lounge, at the time because of back pain, and I was an arm length away from them. 3 of them with masks and knives and my husband works away all week and is only home weekends so I'm alone with my children ... I have cameras but ... I had my phone on silent so I didn't hear the notifications.

It was the dog barking and growling that allowed her to see them there and she said what a shock it was.

Rebecca Young talked about Mia, who was assaulted at the Victoria Point Bus Station and had to seek refuge in McDonald's. There were others who were beaten up at the same place. In Springwood Susanna Damianopoulos, the LNP candidate, reports that Steve's home was broken into at 6 am on a Monday. His daughter woke up to someone in her bedroom and they had their car stolen. What a shock that was to them. So many others keep reporting incidents. Pinky Singh, LNP candidate for Mansfield, reports a ram raid happened at 4 am at Aminya Street shopping complex. There is a lot of damage that needs repair. The local barber is also now out of a job for days. She reports that locals do not feel safe anymore. That is just one story, she says, but there are many more.

I remind the Labor MPs in the Redlands and in south-east Brisbane that there is a youth crime crisis. These are very real stories of very real people who are very worried. I want to commend the LNP team for south-east Brisbane and Redland city: Amanda Stoker, Susanna Damianopoulos, Pinky Singh and Rebecca Young. They are listening to locals' concerns and they actually believe their stories. The only way to solve the current crisis is to show Labor the door in '24.