




Speech By
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 **Hon. MP HEALY** (Cairns—ALP) (Minister for Tourism and Sport) (6.02 pm): I am very pleased to stand and make a sensible contribution because I think that is what we need. I want to begin by apologising to all of those people who have turned up here in the gallery. There is a sensible voice in politics and it is on this side of the chamber. I want to remind everybody of the member for Broadwater's speech when he was in Cairns some time ago. He said—

I rise to support the Path to Treaty ... I do so in the hope that it can be the catalyst for true accountability of government—a catalyst for materially improving the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in this state. Path to Treaty is a genuine opportunity for our state to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians.

When you stand in the middle of Cairns and you make those sorts of statements and then you come down here and do a backflip, your credibility is absolutely shot to pieces. Make no mistake about it, there are people in Cairns who are looking forward to seeing you all. I have a lovely speech that I want to run through but before I do that I want to touch on a couple of impressive things that the *Cairns Post* has been doing of late. The front page says, 'LNP policy under fire: opposition youth crime stance scant on detail'. That is quite an interesting headline.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member, we will not use that as a prop.

Mr HEALY: No, I have a better one, Mr Deputy Speaker. This is even better. This is when the LNP candidate in Cairns was asked by the journalist what gold standard early intervention looks like. Guess what she said. Nothing. She disappeared for three days. They could not get hold of her. She is a fantastic voice for the people! She could not even be found. This is just the *Cairns Post*. Then they talk about David Crisafulli. They talk about the member for Broadwater—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Use correct titles.

Mr HEALY: They talk about the opposition leader having nine media releases about crime in 18 months, calling for action on crime but providing absolutely no detail whatsoever.

Mr Mickelberg interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member for Buderim!

Mr HEALY: Most people in the gallery would understand, as most people on this side understand, that in the absence of a policy, in the absence of details, it is quite easy to go for the personal attack. Your personal attack reflects your inability to be able to form a policy. The really good one here from the *Cairns Post* has a caricature of a bloke looking at the LNP candidate for Cairns and he says, 'So does the LNP have a plan for youth crime?' The LNP candidate says, 'A very effective one!' and it is to 'blame Labor'. That is your policy. That is it. And then your candidate went missing.

Mr Mickelberg interjected.

Mrs Gerber interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. I was so close. Member for Buderim and member for Currumbin, you are warned.

Mr HEALY: Like I said, in the absence of details or policy, they use personal attack and it is very immature. It is consistent over there.

Mrs Gerber interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Currumbin, I have not even finished writing it on the sheet and you are interjecting again. You can leave the chamber for one hour.

Whereupon the honourable member for Currumbin withdrew from the chamber at 6.06 pm.

Mr HEALY: We have made significant investments. For people from this part of the world to come up to our part of the world and start telling us how things work, I find that unique. The people in the Tropical North will find that unique. Regardless, we need people coming up for tourism so we welcome you all to Cairns. We would like you to stay as long as you can and invest as much as you can. We have great hotels. We have great facilities and resources. We have hundreds of millions of dollars of investments. We have over \$100 million in education. There is a huge investment across the region. You only have to see the ongoing investment in both government and the private sector. We are absolutely booming. At the end of the day, I think what should come out of this is your ability to look at yourselves and think: are we worth a policy?