




Speech By  
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## PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

### Liberal National Party, Policies

 **Mr RUSSO** (Toohey—ALP) (2.48 pm): I rise to speak about the flawed LNP policies. Sorry, I did want to speak about the flawed LNP policies but it seems they only have priority areas—no details and no costings for any of their priority areas. Based on their past behaviour and actions, they will cut, sack and sell.

In Eight Mile Plains we have the Eight Mile Plains Satellite Hospital providing chemotherapy, dialysis and X-ray services and the provision of GPs for minor injuries and illnesses. What is the LNP's intention for the satellite hospital? They have not, as far as I can see, uttered one word about what their intention is for these facilities. Do they intend to privatise these facilities, putting the jobs of hardworking staff in jeopardy and putting patients at risk of not receiving the treatment they deserve?

I will move on to the LNP policy on juvenile crime. Adult Crime, Adult Time is appealing to the lowest common denominator. Such narrow-minded policies will do more harm to the safety of Queenslanders in the long term and will do nothing to deal with the root causes of crime in the first instance. It will entrench in Queensland a population of people who will know no way of life other than to be incarcerated. Could someone please explain to me what 'rolled gold' is when speaking about youth crime and the mysterious program that we have listened to the LNP espouse for at least 12 months?

A headless chook running around a backyard has more direction than the LNP policy on youth. All the LNP is doing is striking fear into the community for political gain. The policy of 'lock them up and lock them up for longer' is a blunt instrument approach and shows the LNP is intellectually bereft. The policy is counterproductive when it comes to reducing recidivism. A more sophisticated approach needs to be taken from both the humanity perspective and an economic perspective. The more successful rehabilitative efforts are, the less money is spent on the justice and corrective services system and the greater the cost reduction to the community. Do not risk the LNP in 2024.