



Speech By
Barbara O'Shea

MEMBER FOR SOUTH BRISBANE

Record of Proceedings, 28 October 2025

COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND PUBLIC CHILD SEX OFFENDER REGISTER (DANIEL'S LAW) BILL

Dr O'SHEA (South Brisbane—ALP) (8.57 pm): Today I rise to address the Community Protection and Public Child Sex Offender Register (Daniel's Law) Bill 2025. This bill is named Daniel's Law in honour of Daniel Morcombe and in acknowledgement of the outstanding work of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. On this 20-year anniversary of the foundation, I want to recognise Daniel's mum and dad, Denise and Bruce Morcombe, who out of such great tragedy, pain and sadness found the strength to keep going and not only get justice for Daniel but also set up the Daniel Morcombe Foundation to educate the community and children to keep children safe. Day for Daniel takes place this Friday. As a mum I took part in Day for Daniel every year at my children's school and this year I will be with the children and staff at Dutton Park State School to mark this special day—part of the over two million people who participate in the event each year. That is quite an achievement for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

The Morcombes have campaigned for years for a public child sex offender register in Queensland to make children safer, and this bill delivers that. The bill is about reducing risk and helping to protect Queensland children. The safety of children should always come first, which is why the Labor opposition will be supporting this bill. The bill aims to increase community awareness by giving carers access to information to help protect children through a public child sex offender register and to guard against the misuse of offender information by introducing offences carrying terms of imprisonment from three to 10 years for the misuse of information or vigilantism.

The register will be administered by the Queensland police and will allow for the release of personal details of certain reportable offenders in three distinct tiers. Tier 1 information will be available on a public website and will provide details of reportable offenders who have gone missing. This will include their photographs as well as the details of any vehicles associated with them. Tier 2 allows Queensland residents to apply to temporarily view photographs of certain reportable offences.