



Speech By  
**Hon. Daniel Purdie**


**MEMBER FOR NINDERRY**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Daniel's Law**

 **Hon. DG PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (Minister for Police and Emergency Services) (2.10 pm): This government is focused on delivering for Queensland: delivering safer communities and delivering for the next generation. Today we will do just that by introducing legislation to establish the Community Protection and Public Child Sex Offender Register—finally putting the rights of children ahead of the rights of paedophiles.

This landmark legislation is only possible because of the strength and steely determination shown by Bruce and Denise Morcombe in the face of unimaginable heartache. Few people could forget the day their son Daniel went missing—7 December 2003. It was a sunny Sunday on the Sunshine Coast. School was out. Christmas was just weeks away, and Daniel was on his way to buy presents for his family. The 13-year-old never made it to the shops. The boy with striking blue eyes was stolen from the bus stop and murdered by a predator—a convicted child sex offender. It took another eight years to bring Daniel home. His family never stopped searching.

For Bruce and Denise it is a pain that never dulls. It has been 7,934 days since Daniel disappeared. Their campaign to keep other Aussie kids safe has been relentless. For more than a decade they have called for a public child sex offender register. We listened. The former government failed to act. We will never know how many lives a public child sex offender register will save. We will never know how many emotional scars it will prevent. If it saves one life or stops one child from being abused it will be worthwhile. Six years ago on 27 March 2019, while in opposition, we moved a motion—

That this House calls on the Palaszczuk government to implement the LNP's plan for a public child sex offender register.

We said at the time—

The introduction of a public child sex offender register will give every parent an effective tool to protect their child from paedophiles. The register will put innocent and vulnerable children before the interests of paedophiles living in our communities.

However, Labor refused to support it. The motion was defeated 47-42. Twenty-five current Labor members sitting in this House voted against it. The opposition leader and his deputy—the member for Woodridge—the member for Waterford, the member for Gaven, the member for Miller and the member for McConnel all voted against a public child sex offender register. All of them voted to put the rights of sex offenders ahead of the rights of children. Today we are righting that wrong.

Ten months after being elected, the Crisafulli government is doing what Labor could not and would not do in 10 years. This government is putting the rights of victims ahead of the rights of offenders.