



Speech By  
**Hon. David Crisafulli**


**MEMBER FOR BROADWATER**

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 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (9.54 am): This government is putting the rights of victims ahead of the rights of offenders and restoring safety where you live. Queenslanders should feel safe in their homes. They should feel safe when they go to work. They should feel safe in their communities. During a decade of denial, youth crime continued to grow year after year. Queenslanders were left with weaker laws and fewer police. As a result, the number of stolen cars jumped more than 101 per cent. Some 94 per cent of youth criminals released from detention reoffend within a year. Our government will not let those trends continue. We are serious about strengthening the Youth Justice Act. Victims must come first. Justice must be served.

Before Christmas our government took the first step, passing the first tranche of the Making Queensland Safer Laws. We made Adult Crime, Adult Time law for youth offenders. Already, early police data suggests our Adult Crime, Adult Time laws are beginning to deter youth crime. The number of stolen cars, break-ins, robberies and woundings across the state has shown early decreases from December and February compared with the same period the year before—a small turnaround after a decade of decline. While it is early days, we are making progress and Adult Crime, Adult Time is starting to deliver the change that Queenslanders need, but there is much more to be done.

Today we will introduce the next round of Adult Crime, Adult Time just as we said we would. The second tranche has been guided by our Expert Legal Panel and expands Adult Crime, Adult Time to additional offences. With these laws serious offenders will be brought to justice, but we also hope that they will be reformed. That is why we have paired these laws with early intervention and rehabilitation programs. An entire generation of Queensland kids have been deprived of the support and the structure they need to turn their lives around. Our Staying on Track and Regional Reset programs are designed to divert young people away from the criminal justice system and reduce reoffending.

We are also backing our police and making sure they have the resources and support they need to fight crime in this state. In January we launched the newly enhanced Queensland Police State Flying Squad—the largest rapid response unit in Queensland police history. Last month we welcomed 155 new police officers into the ranks. That is the state's largest graduation ceremony in 33 years. We have also delivered \$31.1 million in extra funding for high-visibility police patrols in high-crime locations to disrupt and deter offending. Initiatives like this are key to preventing crime and delivering on our commitment to drive down the number of victims of crime.

We promised to restore safety to our communities and to continue delivering strong youth crime laws. That is exactly what we are doing. The next stage of Adult Crime, Adult Time sends a strong message that there are consequences for actions, but it will not be the last stage, and I can assure Queenslanders that we will keep strengthening the Youth Justice Act just like we promised we would.