




Speech By
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 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (2.10 pm): Our government is working tirelessly to restore safety to our communities. Under this government, police will have the resources and laws they need to keep Queenslanders safe. Today we will take another important step in strengthening police powers by introducing amendments to Jack's Law. Jack's Law is named after Jack Beasley, who was senselessly and tragically killed in December 2019 during a night out with mates on the Gold Coast. Today is Jack's birthday. He would have been 23. I can think of no better way to honour Jack's legacy than by making sure no person ever has to endure the senseless violence that took his life.

Jack's Law gives Queensland police the power to use handheld scanners in safe night precincts and on all public transport, including stations. The changes our government is introducing today will allow police to use those handheld scanners to detect deadly weapons in all public places. We will also make Jack's Law permanent. These changes will take dangerous weapons off our streets. That means more lives protected and more lives saved.

I thank Jack's parents, Brett and Belinda Beasley, who, despite their grief, have ensured Jack's legacy lives on through positive change. I also want to acknowledge the member for Bonney, who has helped drive the change from the tragedy that emerged within his community. Our police officers, who are so integral to protecting our communities, deserve our support. Expanding Jack's Law and making it permanent does just that and it means that in future police can act before tragedy strikes.