




Speech By  
**Hon. David Crisafulli**

**MEMBER FOR BROADWATER**

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**MAKING QUEENSLAND SAFER (ADULT CRIME, ADULT TIME) AMENDMENT  
BILL**

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (8.43 pm): I rise to speak on the Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Bill but this bill could be called 'doing what we said we were going to do'. I want to take up a point from the honourable member who is somehow saying that this second wave of amendments was not planned. We spoke about it before the election; we gave the timeline for it.

**Ms Grace** interjected.

**Mr CRISAFULLI:** I will take the interjection from the member for McConnell because the member for McConnell is often overreaching and says things that turn out to be false. I will say to the honourable member for McConnell: we promised there would be changes by Christmas and they were delivered; we said we would set up the panel and we did; and we said we would bring the next wave of changes and we have. To pre-empt the next time we are debating the next wave of changes and the opposition is tearing themselves apart for a third time—there will be more. I know that is uncomfortable, and I will explain why, but there will be more.

At the heart of this, and the reason we have to do this is, is we have to reverse 10 years of one-way traffic where laws were weakened and those opposite crowed about it. They boasted about weakening those laws and on the back of it, it created the crisis we are living today. So there will be further changes. I make that commitment to Queenslanders because it is about victims. Today, I stood with brave victims again and I said to those victims that we will continue to drive down youth crime. I think of the thousands of victims I have spoken to who have not been able to tell their story because they have been so traumatised, and there are many in that camp. I think of a couple of residents whom I represent in my electorate, one in Paradise Point and another in Hope Island. I remember speaking to them about their story and what it had done to their family. I commit to them—not just the constituents in my electorate of Broadwater but to every person in Queensland—we will do better for you because for 10 years you have not been listened to.

This bill is about change and it is change for them. It introduces another 20 charges for Adult Crime, Adult Time. I say to those opposite: it reverses a decade of decline. Everything is about fewer victims. I have listened to some of the contributions. I have listened intently and you know their heart is not in it. You can see it by the way their heads are down. You can feel it in the way that they talk. You know that the only reason they are voting for this is that they could not go back to their electorates and say that they didn't—that is the only reason. They know it, but in their hearts they just do not want to do it because they still believe that the only way to deal with youth crime is to cuddle children. That is one part of it. Compassion is an important part but you also need consequences. They do not understand—you must have both.

I say to those opposite: with or without you, with or without the young crims, we are going to pass these laws.—

**Ms Pease** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Krause): Member for Lytton, your gesticulations are not being taken.

**Mr CRISAFULLI:** We have had to sit late into the night this week but that is how important this is to Queenslanders. As I have listened to Queenslanders, I have heard their response. They say: 'Keep going. Keep making the changes. Keep doing what you said you were going to do.' This state is in the grip of a youth crime crisis. This state has had 10 years of weaker laws and 10 years of rising crime, and we are committed to stronger laws, more police, early intervention and understanding that we will own the issue as those opposite were not prepared to do. This is important to us. We do acknowledge it, and every day we will deal with fixing Labor's youth crime crisis.