



Speech By  
**Hon. David Crisafulli**


**MEMBER FOR BROADWATER**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Victims of Crime**

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (9.36 am): Our government is committed to turning the tide on the youth crime crisis. We are committed to putting victims first. We listen to victims and members of the community who are crying out for change. They want to see youth crime taken seriously. They want to see action to drive down youth crime. They want to see fewer victims of crime. Our government does too.

The first tranche of the Making Queensland Safer Laws to implement Adult Crime, Adult Time were passed before Christmas—just as we said we would do. We also promised Queenslanders that we would continue to strengthen the laws and that is exactly what we have done. Overnight our government expanded Adult Crime, Adult Time to include more serious offences. Thirty-three youth crime offences are now included under Adult Crime, Adult Time. Under the laws young criminals can be charged with crimes like ramming a police car, rape, attempted murder and arson.

Since Adult Crime, Adult Time became law last year we have started to see change in the right direction. Early police data shows we are starting to see fewer stolen cars, break-ins and robberies, but we have a long way to go. It is a big task to turn the tide on Labor's youth crime crisis. Over the last decade our youth crime laws were weakened. A generation of offenders were told again and again there were no consequences for their actions. Our Adult Crime, Adult Time laws hold offenders to account. Our laws put victims' rights ahead of the rights of offenders. The bill passed by this House last night also places further protection around victims.

We promised to restore safety to our communities and to continue delivering stronger youth crime laws. That is exactly what we are doing. There will be more changes. That includes creating a public sex offender register to be known as Daniel's Law—just as we promised Bruce and Denise Morcombe we would do. We are going to continue to strengthen these laws and do everything we can to make sure there are fewer victims of crime in Queensland.