



Speech By Hon. David Crisafulli

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Community Safety; Jack's Law

Hon. DF CRISAFULLI (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (10.08 am): Our government is delivering on our promise of restoring safety where you live. Today marks six months since our government passed the Making Queensland Safer Laws. We implemented Adult Crime, Adult Time for youth offenders before Christmas, just as we promised. We are committed to turning the tide on the youth crime crisis left behind by Labor. We are committed to putting victims first. The laws are a direct result of listening to Queenslanders who are crying out for change. We have already expanded the list of offences, passing the second tranche of the laws just last month. There will be more, just as we promised. We are starting to see our laws delivering consequences for actions. It is heartening to see change in the right direction, but there is much more work to be done to drive down crime.

Tougher laws are crucial to providing greater support for frontline police; so too is early intervention and rehabilitation. We promised that our government would support police with the resources and laws they need to keep Queenslanders safe. Overnight we took another step in strengthening police powers by making Jack's Law permanent. Jack's Law is named after Jack Beasley, who tragically lost his life in a knife attack in 2019. He was just 17 years old. Jack's Law delivers on our commitment to strengthen community safety by preventing knife violence. Brett and Belinda Beasley, Jack's parents, were in the gallery last night to see their son's legacy permanently made into law. Jack's Law will help save lives and spare other families the pain the Beasleys live with every day.

Since the introduction of Jack's Law, police have removed more than 1,100 knives off the streets. In making it permanent, police will be able to search for weapons in any public area wherever the need arises. These changes will take dangerous weapons off our streets. That means more lives will be protected and more lives saved. I acknowledge the member for Bonney, who has stood beside the Beasleys and his community from the very start to champion this change.

We promised a fresh start for Queensland, and we are proud to be delivering the change that is needed to keep Queenslanders safe. We will continue to strengthen our laws and do everything we can to make sure there are fewer victims of crime in Queensland.