




Speech By
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Daniel's Law

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (2.08 pm): Our government is committed to putting victims first. After a decade of decline under Labor, Queenslanders now have a government that believes the rights of victims come before the rights of offenders. We are listening to victims, we are listening to Queenslanders who are crying out for change and we are delivering what we said we would do.

Today we take the next step in our commitment to deliver Queensland's first public child sex offender register. This afternoon, Minister Purdie will introduce legislation to establish the Community Protection and Public Child Sex Offender Register in Queensland. It is part of our plan to restore safety where you live. The legislation will be known as Daniel's Law. We are delivering it in honour of Daniel Morcombe.

For more than 20 years Daniel's parents, Bruce and Denise, have fought to keep children safe through unimaginable tragedy. They join us today. The heartbreaking loss of their son in 2003 to a convicted child sex offender has brought about great social change, but more needs to be done. In recognition of Daniel's legacy, Daniel's Law will take steps to put the safety of our children and most vulnerable first. Daniel's Law will establish a tiered system to allow parents and members of the community to access the information they need to protect their kids. It is about transparency and accountability. It is about keeping kids safe. If you commit horrible crimes, you cannot hide. Queenslanders deserve to know who you are and where you are to protect our kids. Monsters cannot be allowed to lurk in the darkness. We will ensure the worst repeat offenders are dealt with.

Daniel's Law will also introduce new offences to prevent the misuse of information in the public register. Before the election, we promised we would pass this legislation this calendar year. We will do that, just as we promised. We will continue to strengthen our laws and do everything we can to make sure there are fewer victims of crime. Our government will do all we can to protect children and put the rights of children, victims and parents ahead of dangerous predators.