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Child Protection

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (9.48 am): Restoring community safety is the cornerstone of our government. We have taken strong action on crime to protect Queenslanders in their homes and in their communities, but there is no higher responsibility of any government—of all of us—than to protect our children. All kids should be safe. Every child in every corner of the state should be safe no matter their background or circumstances. When a child is harmed—when a system fails—we all feel it. It shakes trust and it demands action. That is what our government is delivering. We are committed to fixing the broken child safety system and delivering the strongest child protection in the nation.

Earlier this year we announced a commission of inquiry into our child safety system. The system is meant to protect kids but under Labor it was neglected. Kids and families were let down. We ordered a full audit of self-placing children across Queensland to better understand how we can support these vulnerable children.

Daniel's Law will deliver Queensland's first public child sex offender register. We also opened an inquiry into Labor's failures of the blue card child protection system. Parents deserve to have confidence that their kids are safe when they drop them off at child care or community sport. We promised it before the election and now we are delivering it. Our government has bolstered the regulatory authority to conduct more checks on more early childcare centres. We have also led the charge to establish a national register of childcare workers. Someone who harms kids in another state should not be allowed to cross the border and repeat that behaviour.

There is more work to be done. I can announce today that our government will table legislative amendments to fast-track implementation of the reportable conduct scheme across all sectors. It will deliver stronger protections for our children, and it will deliver them sooner. The reportable conduct scheme will give Queenslanders a place to report worrying behaviour and suspicious conduct. Under Labor, some sectors—including the significant early childhood education and care—would not have commenced until 1 July 2027. This is almost a decade after first being recommended by the landmark royal commission. Our government is implementing it as soon as possible.

I have said it before: our early childhood and child safety industries are filled with hardworking, caring, loving people, but they have been let down too. We owe it to them and to our kids to get this right. We will keep listening. We will keep improving. We will do everything we can to create generational change and reform the broken system.