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 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (9.56 am): Restoring safety to Queensland is our government's No. 1 priority. We have delivered Adult Crime, Adult Time laws, Jack's Law, Daniel's Law and more police resources. We are restoring consequences for actions. Today we will take the next step in making Queensland safer. Our government will introduce tough new laws to crack down on anti-Semitism and criminal behaviour. Our new laws will deliver strong, decisive action to combat anti-Semitism and to address terrorist motivated offending.

Every Queenslander deserves to feel safe, respected and protected from vilification or intimidation because of who they are. Anti-Semitism must be called out, but it must also be stamped out. For too long, the embers of hatred were allowed to burn unchecked. What happened in Bondi in December was the culmination of that. With these laws, we are sending a clear message: anti-Semitism, criminal behaviour and terrorist extremism have no place here. Our approach was calm and methodical, and as a result the laws are strong and considered. The legislation is the best of its kind in the country.

The Jewish community has been clear: we need stronger laws backed by real enforcement to drive out anti-Semitism. That is exactly what we are delivering. The Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill will introduce tougher penalties for displaying terrorist symbols. New offences will prohibit the publication of terrorist slogans and address intimidation at places of worship. These changes will be paired with reforms to keep guns out of the hands of terrorists and crooks. It will give Queensland the toughest penalties in the country for illegal weapons. Stronger penalties will apply for drive-by shootings that target a place of worship or involve hate crimes. The bill also creates a new offence to ensure would-be terrorists can be found guilty when actively planning an attack.

Under the laws, a broader scope of history and behaviour will be considered by QPS in assessing firearm licences. Combined with increased penalties for stealing firearms and stronger storage requirements, the changes will help keep weapons out of the wrong hands. The bill also strengthens the firearm prohibition order to further restrict dangerous offenders from accessing weapons. In response to the tragedy at Wieambilla in 2022, a ministerial directive will require mental health reporting to Queensland police for all high-risk patients. Better intelligence sharing and investment in the latest drone and surveillance technology will also form part of our government's response to the coroner's recommendations. These reforms are targeted at criminals and terrorists, who present a high risk to community safety, not law-abiding farmers, primary producers or sporting shooters.

What occurred at Bondi was shocking and confronting, but we cannot ignore the difficult truths that this tragedy has exposed. Anti-Semitism is not harmless; it does real damage. Unchecked, it escalates from words to actions. We said we would address anti-Semitism, and our response focuses

on the heart of this issue. We owe that to our Jewish community, and we owe it to Queenslanders to put your safety first. Every Queenslanders, including the Jewish community, deserves to be safe. Our government is determined to do everything possible to stamp out anti-Semitism and terrorist extremism and make Queensland safer.