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## **COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND PUBLIC CHILD SEX OFFENDER REGISTER (DANIEL'S LAW) BILL**

 **Hon. DC JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (5.16 pm): I rise to contribute to the Community Protection and Public Child Sex Offender Register (Daniel's Law) Bill 2025. Like other members, I want to acknowledge the unyielding advocacy of Bruce and Denise Morcombe. What Bruce and Denise went through was a tragedy of unspeakable proportions, but they have turned their unimaginable grief into a better future for Queensland children and children right across the nation. Daniel's name will live forever, not just through this bill which carries his name but in the impact his loss had on so many Queenslanders and Australians who have heard his story and have benefited from the advocacy of Bruce and Denise. That is one of the reasons it is such a privilege today to speak on this bill. Many members on all sides have spoken to the mechanics of it—I will not focus on that tonight—but I will focus my contribution on why this bill matters and reflect on what a historic moment it is for our state.

One of the hallmarks of a good government is their commitment to the safety of their citizens and of their children. As parliamentarians and legislators, we have a solemn responsibility to do whatever we can to keep children and families safe. That is achieved not through platitudes and commentary but through real, firm action. That is why we took to the election our commitment to establish the Queensland Community Protection and Public Child Sex Offender Register, a three-tier system to keep children safe. It is something that former leader the member for Nanango did a lot of work on in her term as leader. I still vividly recall my colleague from Toowoomba, the member for Toowoomba North, moving a motion in this House calling on the then government to implement a public child sex offender register. It is a significant day for this government that we can now put this idea, this long-held belief of ours on this side of the House, into action.

This is a measure that puts the rights of children, victims and parents ahead of dangerous predators and sex offenders. That is a principle fundamentally important to all of us. It is fundamentally important to the government and it is pleasing that it is a principle that enjoys the support of the whole House. It is the right thing to do. It is what Queenslanders expect. It is what we promised we would do and what we are now doing.

I want to touch briefly on some issues that have been raised by members with respect to resourcing. It is an important point. As Treasurer I am pleased to advise the House that we are making the investments needed to ensure this system gets up and running and works from day one. As part of the budget we committed \$10 million to support the implementation of Daniel's Law. That is money in the budget now that will ensure this system can become operational and deliver on the commitments we have made.

This bill is for Daniel; it is for every child in Queensland who has suffered at the hands of an offender; and for every parent who has had to live with those terrible actions. This is an important day for the people of Queensland and it is an historic day in our shared mission in this House to keep all Queensland children safe.