



Speech By  
**Hon. Deb Frecklington**


**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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**Leader of the Opposition**

 **Hon. DK FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity) (2.10 pm): Isn't it fascinating that we have an opposition leader who has an opportunity to let his team know what his plan is, to let his team know how long this opposition leader is actually going to stay in that job and to actually talk about issues that are relevant to the people of Queensland? I will acknowledge that the opposition leader did talk about the people of Western Queensland and the hardship they are going through for one minute but then he concentrated on 'Peter Dutton, Peter Dutton, Peter Dutton', and then there was about six months of 'Bring on Peter Dutton.' Honestly, if Albo is as good as this guy, come on!

I will say that this opposition leader refuses to acknowledge his and his entire team's contribution to Labor's youth crime crisis that has riddled this state. There is one question that we on this side would really like to know: how is the caucus meeting going? We know what happened last time: we know how many of them—there were 16 it was reported—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Actually, opposition leader—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order! Only one person has the call.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** This has to be a test for the opposition leader. The last time we had Making Queensland Safer Laws before the House we know the shadow attorney-general went against her own submission in—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** I just asked for order.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:**—the caucus meeting. Then it was reported there were 16 members of the Labor Party who decided not to support the opposition leader or not to support the shadow attorney-general; we are not quite sure. Here is a test for the opposition leader: does he think he can beat 16 this time? Is he going to support the victims across the state? Is he going to support the people of Queensland? Is he going to support the Crisafulli government and our strong action for making Queensland safer? We were elected with a very much humbled—

**Mr Ryan** interjected.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Are you kidding? We are hearing from a failed police officer over there—

**Mr Minnikin:** Minister?

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Sorry, I withdraw.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Direct your comments through the chair.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Of course, Mr Speaker. I misspoke and I apologise to the House. We are hearing from a failed police minister who oversaw the reduction of coppers out there on the street keeping us safe. Instead, what has the Crisafulli government done? We have actually put more police out there protecting communities just like mine that had to go through the absolute debacle on the main street of Kingaroy and then going into Wondai on New Year's Eve. What was happening? What did our police minister do? He sent in a flying squad.

**Mr Furner** interjected.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Honestly, what your police minister did was nothing. Instead, what we have here is a police minister who sent in a flying squad—

**Mr SPEAKER:** Direct your comments through the chair, thank you, member for Nanango.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:**—and tidied up the mess. Guess what? They were also charged under the Making Queensland Safer Laws.

**Mr Furner** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Ferny Grove.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** So beat that!

**Mr Furner** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Ferny Grove, I cautioned you. You are warned.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** In all honesty, what we have seen and what we are looking for from the opposition, the laziest, most resourced opposition that Queensland has ever had—I just want them to work out whose side they are on.

**Mr Minnikin** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Chatsworth, that is enough of the theatrics.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Are they on the side of Queenslanders or is the failed opposition leader not telling this House that he is heading to Petrie in the federal election, because he spends more time talking about federal politics than Queensland?

*(Time expired)*