



Speech By  
**Hermann Vorster**


**MEMBER FOR BURLEIGH**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Burleigh Electorate, Community Safety**

 **Mr VORSTER** (Burleigh—LNP) (2.40 pm): I am proud to be part of the Crisafulli LNP government which is delivering a fresh start for Queensland and my community of Burleigh. Our local plan is inspired by thousands of conversations that mean our lifestyle will be protected. Above all else, it will mean safety where we live. The safety of our community has always been, and will always remain, my top priority. It is why, as a councillor, I led a campaign to bring the Community Camera Alliance to Varsity Lakes. It is why I helped found Gold Coast District Neighbourhood Watch Inc., and it is why I secured funding for community crime fighters. It is also why I funded an aggressive expansion of CCTV into parks, around community centres, along our roads and in our commercial centres. In this place, I will do even more.

To the men and women and small businesses of the Burleigh electorate, I want you to know that I hear you. From Old Burleigh Town to Frascott Park, from Azzurra Island to the cul-de-sacs of Varsity Sound, from the quiet streets of Burleigh Waters to the hills of Burleigh Heads and through to Koala Park, and along the length of Palm Beach: I hear you. You want a government that will restore safety where you live.

Today, I recommit myself to supporting tough legislation that tackles the Labor crime crisis by restoring consequences for action. I recommit myself to supporting our hardworking police with new powers and more resources. I recommit myself to defending the rights of victims who must always—always—come first. I recommit myself to doing what Labor could not do or would not do—that is, restoring our relaxed coastal atmosphere with a \$4.1 million package to make Burleigh safe, just as we said we would.

Whereas Labor cut positions in the Palm Beach police district and closed down police beats across the Gold Coast, the Crisafulli government will deliver a permanent police beat in Burleigh Heads with more money for local police. We will deliver more CCTV, and we will deliver a million-dollar boost for safety initiatives on Friday and Saturday nights. These are iron-clad guarantees, and I am working with the police minister and the Attorney-General to deliver them.

Labor's crime crisis left our community scared—scared in our homes and scared in our streets—and Labor is trying it again, running a ridiculous scare campaign about our commitment to action. It is the only tactic they have left because they have run out of ideas and have no genuine sympathy for victims. I will be part of a government that makes Burleigh safe.