



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR NUDGE**

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**MOTION**

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 **Hon. LM LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (6.11 pm): Queenslanders deserve a government that is able to walk the walk when it comes to dealing with community safety. This Friday marks three years since the horrific murder of Constable Rachel McCrow, Constable Matthew Arnold and Mr Alan Dare. Their deaths were a national tragedy. Every police officer, every frontline worker and every family felt the devastating weight of that day—none more so than their devastated families and friends, whom our thoughts remain with, particularly during such a difficult week. Three years on, Queenslanders rightfully expect that the lessons of this tragedy have driven change—that they would have driven the government to act. Instead, we have a government that refuses to commit to the very recommendations designed to stop further tragedies of this nature.

The State Coroner's recommendations handed down in November were clear, they were practical and they were grounded in evidence: improvements to triple 0 training; stronger supervision of call takers; increased resources for the Queensland Fixated Threat Assessment Centre; and that the government consider mandatory mental health assessments for weapons licence applicants. These recommendations are not radical; they are measures designed to prevent dangerous weapons from getting into the wrong hands and leading to further tragedy.

Yet when the government was asked to respond, six times the minister refused to answer the question, instead dancing around the issue and bizarrely stating that he has 'runs on the board'. What runs are they? What achievements might those be? That weapons offences are up 17 per cent statewide? That there has been an almost 30 per cent increase in unlawful possession of concealable firearms? How about the shooting yesterday at a business in my community in Banyo? Patrons were terrified. Staff are being offered counselling. I table the police bulletin with regard to my community at Banyo and a recent one for Chermide and Bald Hills, just down the road.

*Tabled paper:* Bundle of local police news bulletins in relation to shots fired in Banyo, Chermide and Bald Hills [1987](#).

How about the shots fired in Nundah two months ago? Are they what the minister meant when he said this LNP government has 'runs on the board'? The LNP repeats their tough-on-crime mantra verbatim when it suits them, but when it does not they give Queenslanders nothing more than a political marketing con. The people of Nudgee are not interested in their slick slogans and platitudes. They were not interested at the election and they certainly are not interested now as they wake up to yet another shooting in our local community—as they wake to reports of two men discharging a firearm into the doors of my local business and escaping on e-scooters, which is just another issue in my community that my constituents are concerned about and which this LNP government is doing absolutely nothing to address.

What are those opposite going to do about the rising number of weapons offences in this state? What are they going to do about the shootings in my local community, about the fear in my electorate and about the traumatised businesses, patrons and staff with regard to these events? How can my

community have any confidence that this LNP government is going to act when it will not even answer a direct question posed six times about sensible gun control in Queensland? Every day that this LNP government delays acting on the Coroner's recommendation the risk grows. Every day they refuse to take recommendations like mental health assessments seriously they put police officers and the community—my community; all of our communities—at risk.

Nothing about this motion is unreasonable. It honours the third anniversary of one of the darkest days in Queensland's history. It asks the government to do the bare minimum and implement the recommendations of the coronial inquiry, not to dance around them. This LNP government must wake up to the reality being faced in many of our communities—certainly in my community. Wake up to the fact that what happens in this state is now their record. It is a record of avoidance, excuses and total inaction on this issue to date. You cannot be tough on crime when you are soft on guns in our community.