




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Dance for Daniel

 **Mr HUNT** (Nicklin—LNP) (9.27 pm): I recently had the honour of attending the 20th annual Dance for Daniel—an event that holds profound significance for our community. This special evening not only commemorates the life of Daniel Morcombe but also highlights the ongoing work to protect and educate our children in his memory.

Daniel's tragic abduction and murder in 2003 shocked the Sunshine Coast—and, in fact, the entire nation—to its core. His loss was felt deeply. His story became a catalyst for change. In the face of unimaginable grief, Bruce and Denise Morcombe turned their pain into a powerful mission. Through the Daniel Morcombe Foundation they have dedicated their lives to promoting child safety and ensuring that no other family endures such heartbreak. Their tireless advocacy continues to make a real difference in the lives of children across Queensland and beyond.

The Dance for Daniel is not just a fundraising event. It is a reminder of how our community can come together in support of a vital cause. This year marked a significant milestone, and it was inspiring to see so many people united in honouring Daniel's memory while supporting the foundation's crucial work. At the event, the Premier addressed attendees and reaffirmed the LNP's commitment to Daniel's Law—a critical step forward in protecting our children. Daniel's Law, which establishes a public sex offender register, is a cause Bruce and Denise have long championed. This register is about ensuring transparency and providing parents with the tools they need to safeguard their children and our communities.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Bruce and Denise Morcombe for their unwavering dedication. I am proud to stand with them in their mission to keep our children safe. With my history in the Police Service and a stint in the child abuse unit, I am proud to stand with them, along with the six other former police officers who sit on this side of the parliament. I am sure the whole parliament stands with them. Together, we can honour Daniel's legacy and continue working towards a safer future for all.