



Speech By
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 **Hon. MAJ SCANLON** (Gaven—ALP) (3.57 pm): The Family and Child Commission performs one of the most sensitive oversight duties in our state. It holds governments—any government—to account for the decisions that affect Queensland's most vulnerable kids. To be clear: I think the role the QFCC undertakes has never been more important. While the commission is working tirelessly to lift transparency, improve data and strengthen accountability, the Crisafulli LNP government is doing the exact opposite.

This is the commission that built a digital platform like the principle focus dashboard to shine a light on the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids in our system—a legacy that demands action, not excuses. It is the commission that developed the Growing Up in Queensland data tool that puts the voices of over 8,000 young Queenslanders at the centre of decision-making—something that seems to be a foreign concept for this government because if they were listening to young Queenslanders I am sure they would not have banned pill testing, I am sure they would not have banned gender-affirming care, I am sure they would not have axed affordable housing and I am sure they would not have axed renewable energy targets that are critical to climate change. All of those things are so important to young people.

Mr O'Connor interjected.

Ms SCANLON: I can hear the interjections of the so-called minister for young people. I am not sure where he has been advocating for the voices of young people on all of these issues, because every day he sells out their values to the hard right of his party.

Mr O'Connor: Very relevant.

Ms SCANLON: It is particularly relevant. I take the interjection from the youth affairs minister. I think the voices of young people in the report are pretty relevant to the QFCC's annual report.

Mr O'Connor: Just 'youth'—the portfolio you abolished.

Ms SCANLON: Evidently you have not read it, which is alarming to me given you are supposed to be the youth affairs minister.

Mr HEAD: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I would appreciate your guidance under the standing orders about the speaker addressing comments through the chair, thank you.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Dr O'Shea): Member for Gaven, just recommence for the moment.

Ms SCANLON: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. It is alarming to me that the youth affairs minister does not think the voices of young people are relevant to this debate.