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 **Mr FIELD** (Capalaba—LNP) (2.51 pm): I stand here proud to be part of a team that puts victims front and centre. We are working together each day to make our community safer, and the introduction of the next stage of Adult Crime, Adult Time laws this afternoon will continue that work. In my maiden speech, I spoke of the families who were failed by the former Labor government's weakening of the youth justice laws. My family lives with loss every day and I am here to do everything I can to prevent other families going through the same thing.

I have sat with members of the Capalaba community and with other victims across the state. I have witnessed not only the devastation that crime has caused in their lives but also the injustice, anger and bitterness that is left when they watch these young offenders walk out of court with no remorse, no regret and no real concept of what they have done. Why? The weakened laws gave them a slap on the wrist. The last 10 years of the former government's weak laws have led to this youth crime crisis—a revolving door youth justice system that has created a generation of untouchables who have been taught their actions do not matter.

I will tell the House otherwise, as will every victim. They will talk of the sleepless nights, the grief, the pain—both physical and emotional—and the fight they have to put in each day just to keep going. There were days when my wife and I would sit out on the patio and we would watch the sun come up, we would look at the yard and, before we knew it, we would watch the sun set. Time was passing us by, and so many victims live this same experience.

Adult Crime, Adult Time restores consequences. It is a crystal-clear message that these offences mean something. They mean something to the people who have been injured and they mean something to the community which have had their sense of safety shaken. The new offences to be introduced today are just the next stage of our team's commitment to put victims first. Queensland, we will find our way back. This team will keep working every day and every hour to make our community safer.