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**POLICE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (MAKING JACK'S LAW
PERMANENT) AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL; CORRECTIVE
SERVICES (PAROLE BOARD) AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mr DILLON** (Gregory—LNP) (8.58 pm): I rise tonight to contribute to this cognate debate. I will limit my comments to the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. At the outset, I commend the police minister, a former detective, who has come to this place and in short order is attempting to make something permanent that others opposite took too long to do.

I want to focus more of my comments tonight—and probably tomorrow—on the scary comments of the member for Maiwar. It seems that the member for Maiwar is not only content with impacting the livelihoods of farmers but also now wanting to see the hands of police tied when it comes to keeping our streets, shopping malls and entertainment precincts safe. The Queensland Greens writing a dissenting report shows that this parliament will, unfortunately, most likely not provide a united front or genuinely bipartisan approach to passing this bill. I quote from the opening paragraph in his dissenting report where he states 'there is a very real risk of discrimination and harm against already over-policed populations'. Wow! These are the same populations that sent no less than six former frontline police officers to this place, one of whom is the aforementioned police minister, another is the chair of the committee, the member for Nicklin, whose work I also commend in this place, along with our terrific colleagues from Mackay, Burdekin, Lockyer and Mundingburra.