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**MEMBER FOR GREGORY**

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

Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill resumed from 10 June (see p. 1616) and Corrective Services (Parole Board) Amendment Bill resumed from 10 June (see p. 1616).

 **Mr DILLON** (Gregory—LNP) (3.52 pm), continuing: It is with great honour that I continue my conversation with the Queensland parliament and the Queensland people with respect to this cognate debate. With the indulgence of the House, I will go back a little bit for the benefit of those listening in to remind them of some elements of the commencement of my contribution. It was with no small dismay that I read the dissenting report from the member for Maiwar. I quoted his opening paragraph where the member stated that there is a very real risk of discrimination and harm against already over-policed populations. I said that these were the very same populations that have sent no less than six former frontline police officers to this place—one of whom is now the excellent police minister who was also a detective; another the chair of the justice committee, the member for Nicklin, whose work I have commended in this place before; and our terrific colleagues from Mackay, Burdekin, Lockyer and Mundingburra. This act, sending these six frontline officers here, is not evidence of over-policing; it is evidence that their communities want people elected to this place who will make a difference, will make their communities safer and will restore Queensland to a better place.

Over the last two years, over 1,100 weapons have been seized. Making these laws permanent, as well as amending the conditions leading to the ability to undertake this screening, is giving frontline police officers the tools they need to ensure the practical application of delivering safer communities. Unfortunately, the member for Maiwar also stated further in his dissenting report that governments are taking options other than 'community-led and evidence-based alternatives'. Here is a newsflash for the member: Jack's Law came directly from community-led advocacy, tragically driven by a heinous crime robbing a young man of his life and his parents of a son. I acknowledge here today Brett and Belinda who have been subjected to the most horrific loss and have championed change—a change they wish they did not have to champion and we wish we did not have to stand here and defend.

The member for Maiwar also wrote and spoke here yesterday in his contribution about the bias or discriminatory application of powers. I will not keep quoting the member because it is embarrassing and, frankly, disrespectful to our frontline police officers. These are dedicated men and women who risk all to keep us and our loved ones safe, yet their integrity and judgement is being questioned by a member elected to this place in his commentary on the very bill that strives to make permanent and extend the scope of the very thing our police and communities need and are desperate to see implemented permanently. The constant surety of devices such as body worn cameras, as well as an extensive training framework for all officers involved right throughout the process, completely negates the argument perpetrated by the Queensland Greens. Perhaps though the greatest fact to highlight the

absolute fearmongering and weak-on-crime approach of the Greens—or is it 'green' singular these days in this place?—is the fact that in the tens of thousands of instances where Jack's Law has been utilised only two complaints have been lodged, and the matters raised had nothing to do with the officer's conduct. I and the members on this side trust and value the work of committed professional Police Service representatives and I will demonstrate this with my vote on this bill. In light of the dangerous and scary thoughts of the member for Maiwar which I have given voice to again today, I want to close with a quote from our police minister: every instance of a knife crime leaves a lasting impact on victims, their families and the community. We will not stand by while innocent lives are lost.