



Speech By  
**Hon. Tim Mander**

**MEMBER FOR EVERTON**

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

 **Hon. TL MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games) (4.39 pm): I rise to speak on the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025. I am only going to make a brief contribution in this cognate debate but I want to put on the record my support for making Jack's Law permanent. This bill will help deliver on our commitment to make Queensland safer, a commitment that we went to the election with. Following Jack Beasley's tragic passing after a knife related crime on the Gold Coast in 2019, steps have been taken by key stakeholders, including the Jack Beasley Foundation, to introduce and strengthen Queensland's knife crime enforcement response. I pay tribute to the Beasleys, who are in the chamber tonight.

On this side of the chamber, we know that taking bladed weapons off Queensland streets can only be a good thing. We have been supportive of Jack's Law from day one, and today's improvements will make it better and more effective than ever before. We echo the sentiment of the police minister, who was a detective, who remarked while introducing the bill that every instance of knife crime leaves a lasting impact on victims, their families and the community and that we will not stand by while innocent lives are lost.

The bill before the House today appropriately balances community safety and civil liberties; prioritises the rights of victims over the rights of offenders; makes Jack's Law permanent by removing the sunset clause that schedules its expiry on 30 October 2026; allows a police officer to use a handheld scanner in a relevant place without the need to obtain an authority to do so from a senior police officer; expands the application of Jack's Law to include public places, that are not relevant places, by allowing police officers to use a handheld scanner in these areas provided they first obtain authority to do so from a senior police officer; simplifies the notification and reporting framework for the police; and improves policing efficiencies by streamlining the legislative framework underlying Jack's Law. As the Premier said before, and as most members on this side of the House have said, we will be a government that keeps our promises. This is an example of one of those promises.