



Speech By  
**Hon. Amanda Camm**

**MEMBER FOR WHITSUNDAY**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Child Safety System**

 **Hon. AJ CAMM** (Whitsunday—LNP) (Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (2.09 pm): Every child deserves support, someone to love them and a family to guide them on life's journey. Every child deserves that, but when I read the briefs that come through my office, children are subject to the most unimaginable abuse by the ones that are supposed to provide that love and care. Many are placed with loving foster and kinship placements, but far too many others, sadly, have lived the majority of their life in the state's residential care system where the market has grown out of control, overseen by those opposite. Worse still, there are those in detention centres, couch surfing, staying in unsafe environments or, even worse, missing. A lot of them struggle with complex disabilities.

The Crisafulli government is embarking upon transformational change of the child safety system. We cannot continue to do what those opposite did for 10 years. We need change that will protect children and young people, a system that is responsive and where a child is given every opportunity to thrive. The commission of inquiry will bring forward its recommendations to May this year, as outlined by the Attorney-General, so that they may be considered alongside the *In Plain Sight* report and its recommendations. We will bolster reform, in step with our election commitments, and fix the broken child safety system.

Our commitments are on track, including: reforming the residential care system; moving providers to a dual-carer model; building a secure care facility, a failure by those opposite to deliver on the back of the Carmody inquiry; our professional foster care pilot; and increasing the number of child safety officers we have on the front line by 20 per cent. I say to those child safety officers once more: thank you and thank you for your contact, your emails and your messages. We, as a government, are looking forward to working with you to transform the system and make it better for you each and every day. We must focus all efforts to fix the broken child safety system and, in doing so, deliver on our policy and our commitment to Queensland children of Safer Children, Safer Communities.

I also place on record my sincere thanks to the commissioner for what has been relayed to me by the Attorney-General about him bringing forward his report to meet the needs of our government to be able to move quicker and act faster to protect our Queensland children, as well as reform the broken child safety system.