



Speech By
Hon. Amanda Camm

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MOTION

Age of Criminal Responsibility; Bail Laws

 **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) (4.21 pm): Those opposite on the front bench are obsessed with rewriting history. A former attorney-general just stood in this House and criticised our current first law officer, who is Queensland's first first law officer in 20 years to seek special leave to appeal to the High Court—in a case involving the death of Lee Lovell's treasured wife. Those opposite stand up in here and talk about spin. My goodness! Who oversaw the biggest DNA lab debacle in national history? Victims of crime were failed time and time again by those opposite.

It does not really matter what we say in this House because Queenslanders voted for change. Today's motion is taking a principled approach. We do not need to consult because we have consulted. We spent the first 18 months consulting with Queenslanders and we have heard them loud and clear. The member for Hinchinbrook heard it loud and clear because he was elected by his local community off the back of Breach Bail, Go to Jail. Members on this side of the House have all heard it in their communities. We have government members now who replaced former Labor members who used to sit in here. The opposition talk about being out of touch, but Labor members are still out of touch with Queenslanders and they are still out of touch with the crime crisis that is rampant in this state.

We have continued to introduce Adult Crime, Adult Time—and we saw how bored the opposition were getting with that. They ignored the advocacy of their local communities when they did not support the third tranche of Adult Crime, Adult Time. Today all we are asking for is a demonstration of the principles that we took to the election and that others have now advocated for as government members in this House. The question will be asked of both the factional leaders and the Labor deliberations they have to undertake with their—

Mr O'Connor: Blocker.

Ms CAMM: I will take that interjection. They have to deliberate with Blocker and their other union leaders. That is who they answer to—their masters. Our masters on this side of the House are the people of Queensland, who voted for change. We are driving down victim numbers. Those opposite do not want to recognise the laws and the way in which this government has been driving down numbers and righting the wrongs of those opposite. It will be telling to see how they vote and who is not in the chamber when we vote.

(Time expired)