



Speech By
Hon. Amanda Camm

MEMBER FOR WHITSUNDAY

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 **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) (10.57 am): Today the Crisafulli government is introducing some of the strongest bail laws in the nation. The Breach Bail, Go to Jail and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2026 will deliver the strongest bail reforms in the country. The introduction of the legislation comes in the wake of victim numbers exploding by 193 per cent under the former Labor government. These reforms will target serious repeat adult and youth offenders with a minimum mandatory sentence of 12 months. This legislation underpins the Crisafulli government's commitment to make Queensland safer through stronger laws, more police on the front line, early intervention and rehabilitation. The Breach Bail, Go to Jail legislation builds on our government's work to overhaul Labor's watered-down crime laws with regard to both adult and youth offenders who commit serious offences while on bail.

We will always put the rights of victims ahead of perpetrators. We are doing this by continuing our tough stance against domestic violence perpetrators. Last year our government rolled out laws to make coercive control a criminal offence. Coercive control and domestic violence have no place in our society. Too many have already lost their lives as a result. Our government will include coercive control and other serious offences often associated with domestic and family violence in these reforms to deliver the strongest bail laws in the country. Perpetrators are now being placed on notice and they should heed the message. During a decade of decline under Labor domestic and family violence incidents skyrocketed across Queensland, increasing by 218 per cent. Where those opposite failed, we will always put the rights of victims ahead of perpetrators.

I would like to update the House that I will be on medical leave from 30 August for six weeks to undergo and recover from major surgery. The Premier will advise the House of acting arrangements in due course.