



Speech By  
**Hon. David Crisafulli**


**MEMBER FOR BROADWATER**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Youth Justice**

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (10.07 am): Too many Queenslanders have had their lives ripped apart by youth criminals after a decade of decline under Labor. We have a laserlike focus on dealing with crime in this state. It is the reason that our Adult Crime, Adult Time laws were our first order of business upon coming to government. We are delivering stronger laws, putting more officers on the ground and investing in early intervention and rehabilitation.

Last year we expanded Jack's Law and made it permanent to give police the powers they need to remove weapons from the streets. Since then, police have scanned thousands of people and seized weapons right across the state. Our enhanced State Flying Squad is the largest rapid response ever in Queensland's history. In its first year, the Flying Squad was deployed more than 100 times to crime hotspots to restore safety. Last week we launched Operation Forge—a statewide police crackdown on break-ins, robberies and stolen cars—but there is still a long way to go. We said we would continue to strengthen our laws. Every change will be about strengthening the laws after a decade of Labor weakening the laws.

Today we will introduce legislation to expand our Adult Crime, Adult Time laws. Twelve new offences will be added including conspiring to murder, unlawful stalking and abusing somebody with a disability. It will increase the number of Adult Crime, Adult Time offences in Queensland to 45. There must be consequences for actions. Our government will continue to turn the tide on youth crime by delivering a justice system that puts victims first. This is exactly what we are delivering. Reversing years of rising youth crime will not happen overnight, but Queenslanders elected this government with a mandate to act and that is exactly what we are delivering. We are standing on the side of victims, not offenders. I have listened to them and we must keep going. We will make the tough decisions to restore safety where you live.