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 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (2.51 pm): Law and order, justice, policing and community safety are important subjects to the people of Cleveland. The LNP government believes that the community can and should have a key and growing role in many aspects of law and order. I want to outline two ways that the Cleveland community can and is getting involved in law and order.

The first way is through becoming a JP. Justices of the peace play an invaluable role in our justice system. I commend the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Jarrod Bleijie, for the amendments to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act that will allow JPs to play a greater role in Queensland's justice system, following the changes passed by the Newman government this week. The changes allow certain minor matters to be heard by JPs. I agree with the Attorney-General when he said—

These respected citizens volunteer their time and devote their energy to serving justice in Queensland and this initiative rewards those JPs who want to contribute further.

A 6 month pilot program will soon utilise their skills to come up with common sense solutions to minor civil disputes.

While I am speaking of the role of JPs, I want to today congratulate Mr Roy Bushell, born on 25 July 1919, of Heritage Village, Freeth Street, Ormiston, for performing 60 years of service as a justice of the peace for the people of Queensland. I met with Roy recently to congratulate him and to present him with a certificate for 60 years of service as a JP. Mr Bushell informed me that he was sworn in as a JP in 1952 while he was living in Indooroopilly, member for Indooroopilly. While I have presented numerous JP certificates, this was the first time in my four years that I have presented one for such a lengthy period of service. People like Roy do our community proud and make a critical contribution to our justice system.

The second way in which the Cleveland community is getting more involved in law and order that I want to mention is via law and order forums. I previously held one in November 2010. I am glad to announce that on 15 May at 10 am the Attorney-General will visit Cleveland to hold the Redlands law and order forum. He will speak on the topic of 'The fight against crime: strengthening Queensland's justice system'. Following the AG's address, there will be a Q&A panel to answer questions from the public. The panel will be emceed and mediated by 4BC radio personality Gary Hardgrave. The panel includes the Attorney-General, anti-youth violence advocate Paul Stanley from the Matthew Stanley Foundation, QPS Wynnum District Superintendent Jim Keogh and state MPs.

I welcome the public to attend this significant law and order event which will be held at The Gallery, the former Redlands Cultural Centre, Middle Street, Cleveland. Participants should RSVP my office by 8 May. They can also send a question in advance to the Cleveland office. The LNP government is again delivering on law and order for the people of Cleveland and the broader Redlands.