

# LNP calls on Labor to sign up to sex offender registry

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LNP Deputy Leader and Shadow Treasurer Tim Mander has urged the Labor Palaszczuk Government to join the conversation about the introduction of a national register for child sex offenders.

The Commonwealth proposal would see the establishment of an online register and include the offender's name, location and other details relating to offences they've committed.

The Queensland LNP said it would be appropriate to name any new law "Daniel's Law" after Sunshine Coast boy Daniel Morcombe who was abducted and murdered by known paedophile Brett Peter Cowan in 2003.

Mr Mander said keeping Queensland children safe is the number one priority for the LNP.

"We must ensure our kids are safe from these predators," Mr Mander said.

"An online sex offender registry would keep parents informed and provided them crucial information.

"Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk should not play politics on this issue and do what's right for Queensland by getting on board.

"It's time for Labor to put community safety first.

"The LNP has a strong record after introducing tough criminal law reforms, including mandatory life imprisonment for repeat child sex offenders, increasing penalties for child exploitation material and mandatory 12 months jail for a sex offender who tampers with their GPS tracking device.

"Convicted child sex offenders are the worst of the worst and more needs to be done to empower and enable parents to protect their kids.

"Last year the LNP introduced legislation to crackdown on dangerous sex offenders by locking up these monsters and we think a public sex offender register is another tool to give Queensland parents peace-of-mind that their children are safe."

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