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# Media Release

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## LNP Shadow Minister meets leaders of the lighting industry in Brisbane

The leaders of Australian lighting industry yesterday met with Mr. Mickelberg MP, Liberal National Party member for Buderim in the Queensland Legislative Assembly and Shadow Minister for Small and Family Business, Employment and Training, and Open Data.

Mr. Mickelberg spoke to members on key issues relevant to the lighting industry and to the state of Queensland. "Business owners are doing it tough right now particularly small and family businesses in QLD. ", said Mr. Mickelberg, "800 less businesses exist on the Gold Coast then 12 months ago".

In relation to proposed federal MEPS for LEDs regulations that will cost the Australian lighting industry millions, Mr. Mickelberg commented "Far too often policy and regulation are developed in isolation from those it affects."

Discussing the priorities of the Shadow Cabinet he mentioned crime as a top issue to mitigate saying "Crime is a genuine issue for businesses across the state". "More than half of the young people committing crimes are wards of the state. That says something about who's responsible for the situation.", said Mr. Mickelberg. "There must be consequences for actions. That is why we will be removing detention as a last resort from the Youth Justice Act. We'll be allocating more police resources to the frontline across Queensland, and ensuring our officers have the laws to back them up." Said Mr. Mickelberg.

According to Mr. Mickelberg the lighting industry could play an important role in this process, "Lighting in public spaces is something that needs to be addressed.", said Mr. Mickelberg.

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