

Criminal Code (Defence of Dwellings and Other Premises - Castle Law) Amendment Bill 2024

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I support the proposed Castle Law amendment bill for QLD. The current youth crime crisis in Townsville and QLD in general is out of control. Neither the Labour or Liberal parties have submitted any policies which would look to reduce the crime or hold the criminals accountable. Just this week in Townsville (first week of school holidays) we have seen a marked increase in stolen vehicles, those stolen vehicles being driven erratically putting innocent lives at risk, and footage of teens involved in these activities waving weapons (knives, machetes). We know that these youth criminals are not deterred from their activities and they have absolutely no qualms about using their weapons on defenseless home owners. We should be able to protect ourselves, our families and our Property from these criminals without fear of reprisals. It is a shame that when a criminal breaks into someone's home and threatens a home owner with violence and weapons, and where that home owner or occupant defends themselves, more often than not it is the home owner or occupant who is charged. This is disgraceful. If the labour and liberals governments cannot put a stop to the crime, or appropriate deterrents or detentions in place, people should be enabled to protect themselves. It is clear that neither party is going to protect the innocent law abiding citizens of this state.