

Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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YOUNG OFFENDERS AND THE MEDIA When a victim is identified, by way of descriptive enough journalism, it is damaging. As a parent, the process of removing content from a crime and also that from the media, took two years. The issue to be raised and considered is 'What risk is this to the victims, whose story is theirs to tell if permitted, not the media? Existing ESafety channels proved unable to respond for 2 years, after a minor victim was reported on in a crime, so flying to NSW, to the media address, was how this was removed. Please consider the damage that the quality of media reporting can have adversely, and consider an "Ought to Know Better" approach. E-Safety has a responsibility to the victims of crime who are youths and to properly assess the content published. COLLABORATIVE SURVEY TO ASSIST STAKEHOLDERS - QPS AND Department of Education The disparity in communication where an acute response is required, is damaging. Communication between QPS and DoE, about any charges on an attending student, is purely logical. For the DoE to fulfil the obligation of student safety, acute communication upon arrest and charge is warranted. How can a risk assessment of an attending offender be complete, without the charges being provided? Currently, parents/guardians of a child, are expected to inform a school of charges their child may have incurred outside of school hours. The offender, after being charged and without the school's knowledge, may attend. The statistics of offending students who attend schools and are on bail, during a suspended sentence, are currently unknown.

QPS together with DoE, can provide a level of safety to victims who attend school, by a referral form, directly to the Principal. The outcome of known statistics is two-fold. Obtaining knowledge contributes to government funds being wisely spent. Should the government be asked, "How many youth offenders attend school today?" I submit this proposal to conduct a survey, collate statistics and provide a capacity for an answer to this question.