Police Powers and Responsibilities (Jack's Law) Amendment Bill 2022

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To the committee,

This bill is more of a feel-good measure to create an illusion of safety and doesn't seem especially useful. The use of nang detection wands will simply enhance the criminalization of the children of the poor. Nang detection wands would be useless for detecting ceramic shivs like one made from a ceramic needle or bricks. I hear people hit each other on the head with bricks in street fights. Numerous social issues were raised in R v OCP & Ors [2022] QSC 138.

Underage girls doing drugs and hanging out around hotels waiting for a presumably older boy to pick them up for immoral reasons. Stores selling boxes of nitrous chargers to underage kids. Poor kids doing nangs then wanting to get their hands on something stronger. Kids playing at being gangsters then trying to vrad some other boys, one of which was confirmed to be high, allegedly to obtain drugs.

The judgement describes a setting reminiscent of Wir Kinder vom Bahnhof Zoo. Required reading in the German high-school curriculum, The author described the flaw in their experience of social work. Excessive structure incomprehensible and incompatible with the child. The author juxtaposes the continually fortifying Berlin wall with their childhood play areas gradually being fenced off and the erection of hostile architecture to prevent play. They also highlighted the exclusionary bureaucratic german state education system and the method employed to exclude consists of a requirement for a knowledgeable team of experts to aid a child to navigate the complexity in order to succeed.

Again we see the influence of the elevation of ritual warfare above collaborative play. If you see a bunch of small kids kicking and punching each other for want of entertainment, give them more chalk than they can horde and see how they suddenly start turning the sidewalk into an adventure playground, engaging in imaginative play, role playing and creating stories. L.A.R.P. nerds stab each other the most but it's with foam swords. Toxic masculinity led them to consent to a street fight. An August 5, 2022 Newscorp article, 'Your son's a murderer!': Families clash as teens jailed over fatal stabbing of Jack Beasley, 17, reported, "Supreme Court Justice Soraya Ryan acknowledged none of the teenagers intended to cause serious harm that night but she expressed concern they wanted to get into a fist fight for "something to do". "Good, decent people don't understand (that thinking)," she said." Violent delights have violent ends. The knife is a red herring and only played a 2 second cameo in a much longer story. Perhaps we could explain to young men that a street fight is not a form of highly ritualized and controlled violence and unlike a boxing match there are no referees or disqualifying moves.

I would ask that Queensland Police provide information regarding the permissibility of teenage street fights, what is being done and, what can be done to deter and preemptively respond to such behavior. The apparent permissibility of public violence and illicit drug use could explain the stated low crime index for the Gold Coast during this period. The permissibility of children and intoxicated jeune filles playing in vice districts could also explain low recorded crime rates that may be distorting police attention and resource allocation.

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