

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SAFETY BILL 2023

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Position on the Strengthening Community Safety Bill 2023:

I believe the Strengthening Community safety Bill 2023 doesn't go far enough to deter these youth criminals from committing further crimes.

These criminals have zero regard for the law and do not respect authority.

Recent polls from media outlets have 1% of people saying that these laws are good 99% are against them.

Queenslander's have had enough and we deserve better from our state government whom have been asleep at the wheel for far too long.

My Story:

My family home was broken into in August 2022 in the early hours of the night when myself, my partner and our three-week-old baby were just going to sleep we had a criminal thug break into our home through our back door with a pair of multigrips to crumple the handle.

This criminal watched me prior through the back window as I went to the fridge for a quick drink before bed knowing this now, I feel sick to my stomach.

To know someone else was in our home with my family is disgusting and we all feel violated, this criminal stole our family Ute and took the keys to our other cars as well, our family car drove around Townsville for days being involved in other break and enters as a getaway car.

Our Ute was finally found after four days terrorising our city torched in the middle of a Garbutt Street.

My partner little over six months later after the incident still has trouble sleeping at night due to anxiety and fear, as a woman and victim of this crime in Townsville she is afraid to go to the shops alone with our baby in fear that she'll be a target due to having a pram and being a small female, my partner shouldn't have to live in fear.

The mental effects this has had on myself, and my family is unfathomable like stated before my partner cannot sleep, neither can I most nights any noise you are alert and on edge.

Being violated in your own home should never happen, we shouldn't have to live in fear of armed children breaking into our homes.

The fact myself and many other people in Townsville are living in fear and driving in fear shouldn't be taken lightly.

Find my purposed Amendments below.

Purposed Amendments to the Strengthening Community Safety Bill 2023:

1. Removal of detention as a last resort.

2. Mandatory minimum sentencing for particular offences:

- 2.1. Section 408A(1)&(1A) Unlawful use or Possession of Motor Vehicles, Aircraft or Vessels
- 2.2. Section 419 – Burglary
- 2.3. Section 421 – Entering or being in premises and committing indictable offence.

3. Presumption to be tried as an adult for particular offences; and

4. Relocation sentencing.

5. Free Counselling for Victims of Crime

6. Victim of Queensland Crime Fund

7. Amendments to the Occupants protection bill 2002

1. Giving the Occupant of a dwelling the powers to protect themselves, others and their dwelling during a home invasion situation by any means necessary (Invoke Castle Doctrine)
2. Removing prosecution rights from intruders