

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SAFETY BILL 2023

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Good Morning,

I wish to put forward a submission to Parliament in regards to the current Youth Crime epidemic that is within our society at present. I am a victim of Youth Crime and have been injured for life due to these kids!

On September the 20th 2022 the interior of my house was burnt due to an electrical fire with me been trapped inside the home at the time of the fire and unable to get out due to the density of the smoke and me inhaling so much smoke and pulled unresponsive from the house by passers by! I was fortunate that an off duty paramedic was passing by my house on his way home and a RN nurse who both pulled over and helped resuscitate me and basically save my life and work on me until the ambulance arrived to take over.

I stayed in ICU for a few days and was then released to go stay with my girlfriend who kindly offered me a place to stay as my house was condemned by the Fire Department. On the 23rd of September i drove down the road to our local IGA to get some bread milk and a few other items. I had my friends son in the car and his mate. As we were coming home there were a string of cars in front of us and the one directly in front of us I recognized as been stolen as it was on the news the night before Police asking people to be on the lookout for it as it had rammed a police car. They said don't approach it but ring 000 if there are any sightings or it! I pulled the car over to the side of the road and all 3 of us were on the phone to 000 telling them that the car was in front of us! The car pulled over further up the road from us and as we were on the phone to 000 another car turned up which the 000 Operator said that car is stolen as well and they are working in conjunction with one another breaking into homes and stealing cars! I sat quietly in the car not gesturing or making it obvious that we were ringing for help. I told the boys to stay with their seatbelts on and I locked all the doors as per the 000 operators instruction! As we sat there talking to the 000 operator I was beginning to feel very concerned that they were going to hurt us as they were pointing to me and talking to one another for a period of

time! It was then I began to become concerned and begging for them to please send help asap! Before I knew it he had reversed down the street smashing my car and sending us flying backwards doing extensive damage to the front of my car and I now have a severe whiplash injury from this incident. I was then told by police afterwards that the kids in that stolen car had run the fire engine off the road on it's way to help me! How brazen can they be!

I was unable to go to their court hearing so I could put my story forward to the magistrate as they were all underage and as you know it's all confidential to protect them! Who is going to protect me? Who is going to pay for the costs that I have lost from not been able to recover costs that are non recoverable due to the fact the car was stolen and insurance do not pay for out of pocket costs on hire cars etc when the other car is stolen! I have a permanent injury to my neck thanks to these kids. I live every day with taking painkillers for debilitating headaches and the anxiety this has caused me is terrible. I fear going out into the public and struggle some days to drive on my own as I am fearful of this happening to me again! I have attached The Cairns Post story on my week from hell but it is copyright so please don't breach their copyright on it. I just wanted to share my story with you.

1. The Government needs to impliment change to the youth justice act and put harsher penalties in place for these kids whom flout the law every single day!
2. The Government needs to look at putting a curfew in place to stop these kids from roaming streets at night! My son and I got pelted at 11pm one night with rocks by a group of young kids as we were driving to the airport to pick someone up. They should be home in bed at that hour of the night NOT Roaming free on the street attacking people breaking into houses and stealing cars.
3. My son has thrown in his security licence he has been doing security for over 8 years and said it's too dangerous now as too many kids have threatened him with knives and said it's not worth my life mum so it's curtains for me I am not renewing my licence this year and looking for another career!
4. These kids are going to keep either harming or killing people because they have NO regard for the law or anyone else either!

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Police cars hit, teens arrested

EIGHT stolen vehicles have been recovered and 17 offenders have been charged with a total of 133 offences after an intense two-day police operation targeting youth crime.

That included the arrest of five people in regards to two vehicles being driven dangerously, one alleged to be a white Toyota Camry stolen from Wroce on September 23.

Police said the five youths aged between 14 and 17 were charged with multiple offences, including a 17-year-old girl who was charged with several attempted burglaries, unlawful use of a motor vehicle and driving offences.

Two police cars were also damaged during the operation, which included dog squad, child protection investigation unit, property crime officers, and a helicopter.

Uber vehicle stolen

A CAIRNS Uber driver has been left unable to work after his car was stolen, creating chaos on the streets of Cairns.

Cairns resident David Kennedy described the dismay he felt after seeing and hearing about what the people driving his car had been doing.

"There were over 50 reports on the Cairns crime group detailing incidents about how people had to ring triple-0 and they detailed near-misses, dangerous driving and one poor lady got stabbed," he said.

"I was horrified at what I was reading as to what the occupants of my car were doing as they were travelling pretty much all over Cairns."

"I am now without a vehicle and unable to obtain an income," he said. He's now trying to get back on the road as soon as possible.

On Sunday, a Queensland Police spokesman confirmed no-one had been charged.

Fire, injury, heartache in a week



PETER CARRITHERS

IN A perfect storm of tragedy, a Cairns woman has been hospitalised after being married by an alleged stolen car drive after losing her pet dog and narrowly escaping with her life after her house was destroyed by fire.

Bayview Heights resident Jenelle Reaghanani has struggled to pick up the pieces after her house on Toogood Rd was gutted by fire on Tuesday.

She lost her devoted four-legged companion of 15 years, Max, the same day.

Not up for cooking dinner, Ms Reaghanani sent her son, Anthony Dillon, out to pick up pizza.

While the lad was away she plugged in a abused food dehydrator to check if it still turned on, and in a moment the house was ablaze.

"It was an electrical fire, everything blew up, it started in the kitchen and went through every appliance in the house, the microwave, fridge, dishwasher and laptop," she said.

"The house went up in two minutes, I got down on my hands and knees because I had no oxygen to breathe. My airway got burnt, I nearly died. They had to smash the door down to get me out."

She was fortunate an off duty paramedic and power-ty were in the area to help.

The house condemned, Ms Reaghanani wait to stay at a friend's home and hoping to repair some of the kindones shows to her, dacked down to the shop to pick up milk on Friday morning.

Seeing alerts circulated by police on social media the mother-of-three spotted an alleged stolen Toyota RAV4 with distinct personalised number plates and stopped to call police.

"I had seen it all over Facebook and we called triple-0 and the other stolen car turned up and then the next thing you know it's reversing up the street into my car," she said.

"I was hosed in and couldn't get away from him."

"I was just going to the shop to get some milk and that happened. Surely we have the right to drive on the road and not have that happen."

A police spokeswoman confirmed the alleged stolen vehicle initially only caused into a civilian car on The In-las St Early file at 11:10am.

Ms Reaghanani made her second trip to Cairns Hospital in four days following the crash and was treated for whiplash.

"It's been the week from hell, I saw the steel on the way, he stuck his head in and said hi," she said.

"I have lost my dog, I have lost my house and now I have lost my car."

A crowd-funding page has been set up to help the family get back on their feet. To donate, search "Review how fire relief".



Jenelle Reaghanani, pictured with her son, Anthony Dillon, was lucky to escape a fire that destroyed her house (inset) on Tuesday afternoon. Her car was then damaged when a stolen car rammed it at Bayview Heights. Main picture: Brendan Radtke

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House fire, car rammed and her dog died

WEEK FROM 'HELL'



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caping with her life after her house was destroyed by fire. Bayview Heights woman Jenelle Reghenzani's torrid week came as police mounted another crack-down on joyriding juveniles.

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Jenelle Reghenzani was lucky to escape a fierce electrical fire that destroyed her house on Tuesday afternoon. Her car was then damaged when an alleged stolen car rammed it at Bayview Heights. Pictures: Brendan Radke

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