

## STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SAFETY BILL 2023

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I'm writing to express concern regarding and opposition to the legislative amendments proposed in the Strengthening Community Safety Bill.

These harsh measures, requiring the suspension of the Human Rights Act to introduce (which should, in itself, be an indicator that the proposals shouldn't be adopted), are very clearly neither aimed at increasing community safety nor likely to achieve improvements in community safety.

Very obviously the aim is, in truth, to play politics with the lives of both offenders and victims in a game of one-upmanship with the LNP. Experts in this area say these amendments will make things worse and further drive a youth crime spiral. Instead of listening to the experts and developing proposals that will really make a difference, the Palaszczuk Government is chasing populist headlines.

Any real improvements in community safety won't be achieved until the root causes are addressed, such as poor access to affordable housing, underfunding in the education system, and inadequate support for intergenerational trauma.

Please listen to the experts and focus attention, energy and funding on the things that really will help to reduce youth crime by addressing the causes.

Your sincerely,  
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