

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SAFETY BILL 2023

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To the committee, I write this after reading **Objectives of the Bill** several times and wonder are we all victims of complicated wording that acts as a disguise to doing nothing. I recall reading about *Youth Justice Act 1992 in the news paper back then its purpose was to protect children from harm at home and in the community despite being reviewed several times it has in fact failed the children and the community. I urge everyone involved in this process to make it work and if anyone is seen to be hindering the process they should be called out. This crime is big business for many so keep this in mind. The victims are the community as well as the perpetrators no child is born a criminal. There are many ideas in the community and some very worthy of working with, some have been rejected yet they make the most sense and the lowest cost to the community. And lastly how old would the boy called Miles be if he was born as you will recall his parents and he were killed on an afternoon walk, the perpetrator will be released in 2024*

Early this morning at 4 am the juveniles in a stolen car were driving up and down using a torch to view into houses. This vehicle was in our street on Thursday afternoon, we have plenty of video to confirm the number plates were stolen as they did not match the car. At 4 am we called the police however by the time the police arrived the criminals had left the scene.

- #1 Proposed :increase the maximum penalty for unlawful use or possession of motor vehicles, aircraft or vessels from seven to ten years imprisonment
- Response: The judicial system is very unlikely to jail children or adults for this long so why propose it.
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- #2 Proposed : create new circumstances of aggravation for the offence of unlawful use or possession of motor vehicles, aircraft of vessels where:
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 - #3 the offender has published material advertising their involvement in or of the offending on social media.
 - Response: Make it an offence however I doubt you will ever stop this as these offenders are not silly they will find a way around this.
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 - #4 where the offending occurs at night.
 - Response : You do realize these guys sleep all day and commit crime at night
 - #5 where the offender uses or threatens violence, is or pretends to be armed, is in company and damages or threatens to damage any property
 - Response: These people do not care because there is no consequences as a magistrate said to a perpetrator in Ingham Court there is no use fining you as

you already have \$13000,00 in SPER Debt which you will never pay.

- #6 provide that it is an offence for children to breach a condition of their bail undertaking
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- Response: Breach bail back to jail
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- #7 extend and expand the trial of electronic monitoring as a condition of bail for a further two years and to include eligible 15-year-olds.
- Response: GPS tracking should be on all repeat offenders no matter what age, also removal or damage or modification disabling the device should see immediate return to jail.
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- #8 remove the requirement that police consider alternatives to arrest if they reasonable suspect a child on bail for a prescribed indictable offence or certain domestic violence offences has contravened or is contravening a bail condition
- Response : Agree
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- #9 provide that a child's bail history must be taken into account during sentencing
- Response: If they have breached bail they receive the higher sentence

- #10 create the ability of a sentencing court to declare³ that a child offender is a serious repeat offender in certain circumstances to enable considerations such as community safety to be paramount.

- Response : Common sense must prevail no sob stories
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- #11 enable conditional release orders to operate for a greater period of time
- ensure certain child offenders serve their suspended term of detention if they breach their conditional release orders.
- Response: No comment
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- #12 expand the list of offences included within the definition of 'prescribed indictable offence' to facilitate greater operation of provisions of the *Youth Justice Act 1992* aimed at serious repeat offenders, including the presumption against bail

provision under section 48AF and the new sentencing regime for children declared serious repeat offenders.

- Response: Serious repeat offenders have no place in the community
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- #13 enabling the transfer of persons who have turned 18 years on remand and the earlier transfer persons who have turned 18 years serving a sentence from youth detention centres to adult correctional centres
- Response: Agree
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- #14 ensure the continuation of multi-agency collaborative panels which provide intensive case management and holistic support for young persons identified as high risk or requiring a collaborative response through a multi-agency and multi-disciplinary approach.
- Response: Each department should be asked if this model is working and what changes will make it work better this would be from the people working in the model not from the Bureaucrats of the department

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