

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SAFETY BILL 2023

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As a member of the North-West Brisbane community and Amnesty International Australia, I am deeply concerned by the proposed Strengthening Community Safety Bill 2023. The evidence shows that the amendments to laws proposed will not deter young people from offending or keep the community any safer.

While high incidence of mental illness, disadvantage, trauma and prejudice remain for these young people, this kind of behaviour will continue until we have adequate services and culturally appropriate programs in place for early intervention and ongoing support to overcome these.

With the proposed changes, there will be an increase of young people in detention in Queensland at risk of harm, of re-offending and of further incarceration in a system unable to provide the support and protection they need.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed Strengthening Community Safety Bill 2023.

Yours faithfully,

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