

# Criminal Code (Defence of Dwellings and Other Premises—Castle Law) Amendment Bill 2026

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Living in a small community without a full time police presence, help is not coming quickly.

When faced with the unthinkable situation of someone trying to violently enter your own home, putting your family at risk, residents shouldn't have to stop and consider the consequences of their actions.

Things happen quickly, decisions made in the spur of the moment under stressful condition, often by people who aren't used to these stresses, are easy to critique in hindsight. These actions shouldn't be judged the same as if they were pre-meditated.

The right to defend one's home from invasion without fear of prosecution should be codified into law.

Those criminals that take it upon themselves to threaten another persons family and property, deserve to suffer the consequences of their actions. Our court systems are overloaded and seemingly too weak to dish out punishments that deter re-offending so perhaps the fear of facing an angry homeowner would do a better job.

Queensland leads Australia in many areas, let's make this common sense approach another one.