

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

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I'm writing this as a young dad living in Queensland, to express my strong support for this bill.

At the end of the day, my main job is simple, to protect my family. My home is where my kids sleep, where they should feel safe, and where I should feel confident that if something goes wrong, I can step in and protect them without hesitation.

But lately, that sense of safety doesn't feel as solid as it should. You hear more and more about break-ins, home invasions, and people having their homes violated. Whether it's on the news or just stories going around locally, it sticks with you. It makes you think about what you would actually do if it happened to you.

As a parent, those thoughts hit differently. You start asking yourself, what happens if someone breaks in at night? What if my kids are in the next room? Do I act straight away, or do I hesitate because I'm worried about what the law might say afterwards?

And that's the problem. No parent should have to stop and think about legal consequences in that kind of moment.

When something like that happens, you're not calm, you're not thinking clearly. You're running on adrenaline and fear. You don't know who's in your house, what they're capable of, or whether they're armed. You're making decisions in seconds, not minutes. Expecting someone to measure their response perfectly in that situation just isn't realistic.

This Bill recognises that reality. It gives people like me the confidence to act immediately to protect our families, knowing that the law will support us rather than second guess us later.

Right now, it can feel like the system puts too much focus on the offender and not enough on the victim. If someone chooses to break into a home, especially at night, they're the one creating a dangerous situation. They're the one taking that risk.

Families shouldn't be the ones left worrying about whether they'll face legal consequences for defending themselves in their own home.

For me, this isn't about wanting to hurt anyone. It's the opposite. No parent wants violence. But if someone forces their way into my home and puts my family at risk, I need to know I can do whatever it takes to protect them.

Your home should be the one place where you feel safe and in control. For a lot of people, that feeling is starting to slip. Laws like this won't fix crime on their own, but they do send an important message that families have the right to defend themselves, and that the law stands behind them when they do.

At the end of the day, if someone unlawfully enters a home and creates a threatening situation, the responsibility for what happens next should sit with them, not with the person trying to protect their kids.

As a young dad, I just want to know that if the worst ever happens, I won't be punished for stepping up and doing what any parent would do.

That's why I support this Bill.