

# Expanding Adult Time, Adult Crime and Taking a Strong Stance on Drugs and Anti-Social Behaviour Amendment Bill 2026

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of stronger laws addressing public drug use, anti-social behaviour, and crime in community spaces. Residents should be able to use parks, beaches and local facilities without intimidation, harassment or exposure to illegal activity.

I live in Woody Point and have witnessed ongoing issues in several locations over many years.

At the Gayundah coastal area, there was a long-term encampment where individuals were living in tents. During that time there were frequent incidents of fighting, verbal abuse, suspected drug dealing, theft and animal mistreatment. Locals regularly observed fireworks being set off late at night, people walking through nearby streets and entering properties, and ongoing disturbances. Many residents experienced theft during this period. Local businesses were also affected – for example the nearby bottle shop regularly had stock stolen and staff appeared reluctant to intervene due to safety concerns.

Unfortunately similar behaviour is still occurring in other public areas. At Crockatt Park in Woody Point there have been two vans parked for over a year near the canoe storage area. These vehicles appear to remain there permanently and may not even be registered. The occupants regularly drink alcohol, smoke and play loud music in the park while families and children are present. On multiple occasions they have acted in an intimidating manner toward park users. One individual often hits golf balls around the park and gestures as though they might hit them toward people nearby while staring and shouting obscenities.

My family previously used this park several times per week. Due to the behaviour and intimidation we now rarely use the area and, when we do, we stay close to the public toilets so we can leave quickly if necessary. Other residents have said similar things.

Public parks and waterfront areas should be safe and welcoming places for families, children and the broader community. When individuals occupy these spaces long-term while engaging in anti-social behaviour, it effectively pushes law-abiding residents out of their own community areas.

I strongly support legislation that:

Gives authorities greater ability to remove individuals engaging in drug use or anti-social behaviour in public places

Prevents long-term illegal camping or vehicle occupation of public parks

Provides stronger enforcement against theft, intimidation and public disturbances

Ensures community safety and access to shared spaces is prioritised

Most people in our community work hard, pay taxes and follow the law. They should not feel unsafe or unwelcome in their own parks and neighbourhoods.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission and I hope stronger measures will restore safety and accessibility to our public spaces.

Kind regards,  
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