

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

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I agree on the bill's intent and purpose; it will address the symptom of poor choices and lack of exposure to opportunity to create self worth. More work needs to be done in the "at risk" period for youth. The education system needs a hard look at it's delivery to ensure it is meeting the needs of all students and think outside the box for youth that don't have the ability nor opportunity to attend. The police and family violence system needs to be able to provide referrals that are to genuine organisations to assist the youth implement change in their life. If it is left too late to offer an alternative, the youth may not feel that they have a choice. Are early intervention programmes working and fully accountable for their performance in changing a young person's life? Are youth at risk being included in programmes before they offend or turn to substance abuse? Are the programmes for youth always short term funded therefore guaranteeing continual turnover of staff in programmes eg fund one year with one programme, put it up for tender and then someone else takes it over. Create some ownership and engagement opportunities with organisations having longevity to create positive outcomes for pre-offenders per se or youth at risk. Provide youth the opportunity to feel valued with high self worth.