

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 as a local resident and worker in the Nambour area to express my support for measures aimed at improving community safety, including the proposed "Adult Crime, Adult Time" legislation and stronger powers for police to address ongoing public disorder.

Over the past several months I have personally observed a noticeable decline in safety and amenity within the Nambour area. There has been a visible increase in drug-related activity, anti-social behaviour, and public disturbances. Of particular concern is the growing presence of uncapped or discarded needles in public places, which presents a serious health risk to residents, workers, and families in the community.

Many people in the area feel that authorities currently lack sufficient practical tools to respond quickly when individuals are causing ongoing disruption, particularly where drug use or aggressive behaviour is involved. Measures that allow police to move individuals on from public areas where they are creating safety risks could help restore a sense of order and reassurance for the broader community.

At the same time, I recognise that issues such as addiction and homelessness are complex and require support services as well as enforcement. However, public safety and community wellbeing must remain a priority, particularly where behaviour is placing others at risk.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and hope the government continues to consider the experiences of local communities like Nambour when shaping policies that affect public safety.

Kind regards,