

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

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I am the Abigail that is quoted in the following article published in the sunshine valley gazette.

Below are my concerns with the bill,

Concerns have been raised that proposed new police powers allowing month-long bans from business districts could unfairly impact people experiencing homelessness in Nambour.

Nambour advocate for homeless people, Abigail, said while she supports short-term move-on directions to defuse incidents, longer exclusion orders could make it difficult for rough sleepers to access essential services in the town centre.

"I support move on 'requests' for 12 or 24 hours," she said. "As in the heat of the moment these can help to give a person time to cool down and come back tomorrow."

But she said banning someone from a precinct for up to a month could have serious consequences for people who rely on CBD services. "This is a homeless person's home town," she said. "The town becomes their bathroom, kitchen, bedroom. It is where they sleep, shelter from rain, eat, wash and the way they provide for themselves."

Under the proposed legislation, police would be able to issue banning notices of up to one month to people involved in threatening, violent, offensive or disorderly conduct in designated business and community precincts (see story this page). Abigail feared the longer bans could effectively cut vulnerable people off from support services that were mostly in the CBD.

"They have a right to access the following supports as they are all located within the Nambour CBD limits," she said.

She listed services including Centrelink, job network agencies, supermarkets, the library with free computer access, community centres, showers, hot meals, washing facilities, doctors, banks and mental health services based in C-Square.

"If you cut the homeless off the CBD for a day they will survive," she said. "If you cut them off for a month it affects their ability to function and live - the very right to survive."

Ms Abigail said she believed stronger restrictions could be justified for repeat offenders but argued they should be imposed through a formal process rather than immediate police powers. "The response needs to be measured and balanced," she said. "I am simply calling for a balanced, reasonable response before any month-long bans are placed on a person."

We can not take 'exclusions zones' too far and continue to disadvantage the poor and needy even more.

I have unfortunately seen people with these month++ long orders from the courts before and it just cause more distress, anger, and resentment against authority. Then the homeless person is forced to break the rules to survive.

I am simply calling for a balanced, measured, reasonable, and most of all logical response before 'police themselves' can place any month long bans are on a person