

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

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Statement in Response to the Expanding Adult Time, Adult Crime and Taking a Strong Stance on Drugs and Anti-Social Behaviour Amendment Bill 2026

I am a small business owner based on the Sunshine Coast, operating a micro-business from my home. Within the past 18 months, my property has been the target of two separate incidents involving antisocial and drug-related behaviour. Both occasions were distressing and left me feeling unsafe within my own community.

My neighbours have also experienced similar problems, and several of my friends—who are local business owners in Nambour—have suffered significant disruptions and financial impacts due to antisocial or drug-affected individuals.

I strongly believe that a firmer enforcement of existing laws is necessary to deter such criminal activity and to restore a sense of safety and confidence in our communities.

In response to these growing concerns, I was compelled to initiate a business petition to my local councillor, calling for greater support and funding to assist businesses that are being impacted by crime in our town. The petition reflects the concerns of many local operators who feel increasingly vulnerable and under-supported when these incidents occur.

I strongly believe that firmer and more consistent enforcement of existing laws is necessary to deter criminal and antisocial activity and to restore a sense of safety and confidence within our communities. Clear consequences and effective policing play an important role in protecting residents, small businesses, and public spaces.

At the same time, where offenders are minors, I believe it is important that appropriate support services, early intervention, and rehabilitation programs are available. Providing pathways for young people to address underlying issues and reintegrate positively into society is essential for long-term community safety.

Thank you

