

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

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I've lived in Burleigh heads for 12 years, opposite of the park where I've seen the public enjoy the place but also be intimidated by antisocial behaviour predominantly people choose to take over certain areas i.e. hunt etc. Drink and take drugs and then become abusive to people around them. One thing that's very apparent as they know their rights and exactly how far they can push something and what the police can and can't do, I would like to see the police being given the ability to be able to collect people and move them on or hold them if they are suspicious of them behaving in an antisocial way. I organise one time for the divisional counsellor and local MP to meet with the police and I was horrified in how little resource and power the police were given. I think the power should be completely taken away from the council because they don't follow through with what authority they have and it should be given 100% to the police to be able to deal with Issues ranging from antisocial behaviour, people parking vans and vehicles and permanently living there. The first major majority of people who live in the areas and support giving the police authority to be able to move people on. When myself and other friends are called the police they seem to know the offenders by first name and have had multiple engagements with them. Perhaps the most disturbing occurrence was when one of these people who was a lady went to a bottle shop and stabbed the shop assistant, who was hospitalised. This person was arrested, was back in the hut the next day drinking went into the same bottle shop and threatened another shop assistant that if anyone tried to touch her she would stab them as well. This person was so traumatised. They've never worked another day in their life, now this is from what I've heard but it was confirmed by the shop manager of the time not only to these people cause disruption in the short term they're also destroying innocent people's lives whilst knowing that currently the law does not have the authority to deal with it.