

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

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My name is Thomas Law, and I have been a sole operator working as a personal trainer in the Redcliffe area since 2010. My work is on the beachside at Suttons Beach. Since 2010, the situation at Suttons Beach has deteriorated drastically. From a bustling, beautiful beachside area where families picnicked and children played in the water, to 2026, where many residents are afraid to visit the beachside. People sleeping rough have become a problem. We accept that housing may be short, and there is no doubt that many social issues are associated with people sleeping rough, but a criminal element has emerged among the rough sleepers. I have experienced a knife being pulled on me from 30 metres by a man apparently under the influence of something, I have been assaulted twice and intimidated many times. Police, when and if they do arrive, will address the situation, and within a day or two, the offender will be back performing the same. I have a permit for up to 5 days of training at the beach and have reduced my classes over the years to only 1 session on a Saturday morning. Evening classes are no longer held, as my clients often feel intimidated, and some have been individually picked out for abuse. Police are not always called as the only way to get a direct response quickly from them is to ring 000. Often, the offender is gone by the time police arrive or the situation has cooled. Regardless, the public continues to avoid the beach, particularly at night. The consequences of assault, abuse and pure intimidation at Suttons Beach is concerning as there appears to be none. Offenders need to be held to account, in my opinion.