

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

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I have observed in our town:

1. Campers on the ramp and in the grounds of Gospel Chapel Walker St. Bundles of clothing or bedding left behind. Some moved on when requested. These individuals appear in the grounds during evening services and when workers or cleaners are doing jobs. The congregants are mostly elderly or young children.
2. Last year I observed an unwashed individual with a loaded shopping trolley full of possessions behind Friendlies Pharmacy Adelaide St. This individual was so addled he was loudly talking to himself. He had two dogs tied up to posts. The smaller was a fairly dirty little hairy dog and the other a largish white bull terrier type. Both were trembling for some reason. He was doing something to the back end of the larger dog, and perhaps gave it a drug because it slept soon after. I observed him for a while and videoed him and showed the police and also staff in Friendlies Pharmacy. I observed him around town for a few days, then no more.
3. Individuals camped in the grounds of St Paul's Lennox St.
4. Individuals in huddles in Queen's Park of an afternoon when walkers are exercising
5. People selling drugs out of houses , cars constantly stopping , while people and families are walking or jogging in the area.
6. The triple fatality that occurred a few years ago was caused by juveniles not scared of laws, stealing a car and driving recklessly with no worry about consequences
7. A homeless person left a big mess outside Woolworths, when i brought it to their attention they said it happens all the time
8. People are going to get free meals from the churches but end up being banned as they get violent or swear in front of volunteers and children
9. Magistrates should have access to higher minimum sentences and enforce them.
10. Many locals and visitors are scared by the behaviour of people for example one man who rides a bike around yelling and swearing very loudly.
11. Many people sleep at the back of our beautiful theatre , leaving a mess.