

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 Chris Sanders a local family man of the Redlands for 40 years and also an Australian Army Veteran.

On the 12th of December 2023 I was at my local shopping centre in Alexandra Hills where I have done my shopping for the past 40 years.

I was waiting for my wife to return from Woolworths with a HOT chook we were going to have for dinner. As we were exiting the shopping centre with Hungry Jacks on my right and the Shopping centre on my left there were a group of 5 young juveniles standing in the middle of the road as I approached with caution one of the Juveniles kicked and punched our car which was only a year old. I stopped the car and my wife said what's wrong I said one of those kids just kicked and punched the car she told me not to get out of the car, so I put the window down and asked why he kicked and punched my car I was told you're in my way old man. As he started to approach the car, I exited the vehicle and approached the young juvenile who kicked and punched the car only to be kicked from behind and then from the front by him and his mates while two girls were filming the situation as they were yelling out you can't touch us, we are kids and your dead old man this went on for about ten minutes when I had enough and grabbed the leg of one of the young youths lifted him up and dropped him on his back I walked towards the shopping centre to go and find security but head a lady yell out he has a knife he has a knife as I turned around he said your dead old man I suffered a slash to my leg a slash stomach a torn shirt and a stabbed wound which entered through my body pierced and collapsed my left lung and stopped a centimetre from my heart.

I have once again had to fight for my life in hospital I still suffer from PTSD Physical scars anxiety flashbacks and lifelong trauma but most of all a life sentence from this incident. As this was going through the courts for such a longtime and for the offender to only receive 189 days for his crime he committed on me, and it felt like complete slap in the face as there was no conviction recorded until the Attorney General submitted an appeal to the courts.

I strongly support the Expanding Adult Crime Adult Time amendment bill 2026 with the expanding framework to 45 serious offences including assault

and occasioning bodily harm. Core principle if you are old enough to commit an adult crime then you should do the adult time. It's important that the laws are passed so that the rights of victims are put before offenders. For too long, victims of youth crime have been failed by the youth justice system. There are thousands across Queensland who have been let down by a weak youth justice system, and as a survivor I will always be supportive of any laws that directly target youth crime and support for victims so they feel somewhat safe in their communities.