

# 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 resided in the CBD for the past 8 years.

During this period of time policing has been poor.

On a daily basis we have drunks and druggies lying on the footpaths and in the local park.

These people wander the streets basically howling at the moon and intimidating anyone that looks at them.

Theft is rife at Australia Fair.

It's been at the point for a few years where local resident don't bother calling the police. Simply because the process have become time consuming and the responses are poor.

As locals we are constantly dealing with the council and police with very little response.

Human rights legislation is often used as an excuse with all the petty criminals in Southport having been given the homeless tag.

I've had 34 years front line police experience and I have been gob smacked at the inadequate policing in this area.

Most of the itinerants/vagrants/street dwellers are committing offences regularly from disorderly behaviour, offensive language, stealing, open alcohol containers, drug possession.

But it all goes under reported and not policed.

I spoke to a local Sgt a few years back who informed me the streets could be cleaned up in a week if he was allowed to do it.

But so far all I hear is understaffed with over 70% of GDs time taken up with DV.

In the NT they have the power to take into custody drunks and convey them to a sobering up shelter or a Watch house without charge.

Similar legislation in Qld could at least keep the streets and parks clean.

Most of the long term drunks don't wish to lose their grog, so tend to move onto less public places.

There are endless relatively quick fixes, but no one in authority has been listening or simply choosing to ignore it.

I often hear the comment that offences are not being reported.

To this there are reasons. I once spent about 10 minutes with an operator reporting an offender bailing up several people in the main street with a stick.

As an experienced retired cop I have exact location, ID of offender and his actions. The stick was described as the size of a walking stick.

Now whilst these victims were cowering for cover I was asked the circumference of the stick, what was it made of, what language was being used, did the offender know the victims, what are all the victims wearing.

This is not isolated

Regards

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