

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

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Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Sir or Madam

**RE: REQUEST FOR SOUTHPORT CBD TO BE A DESIGNATED BUSINESS AND
COMMUNITY PRECINCT**

My wife and I are the owners and directors of Inforum Education Australia, a private ELICOS (English language) college that's been operating in Southport for 19 years, during which time, we have taught over 12,000 international students ranging in age from 12 to 80 years old from more than 30 countries.

The reason for my writing is that I would like to respectfully request that the Southport CBD become a Designated Business and Community Precinct.

I believe these designations are a very good initiative from the Crisafulli government and something that I would strongly support.

Over the almost 20 years that we've been operating Inforum, we have seen a major increase in homelessness in the area, which has been matched by a marked deterioration in behaviour from individuals living rough.

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This morning, just as an example, my wife went to walk our dogs but had to ring me to come out and help her as there was a male on a bike, riding up and down the pavement, swearing at the top his voice at pedestrians.

Almost every day there is some incident involving a homeless person (usually a male), drunk, swearing and/or yelling somewhere along Short Street, where our school is located.

In addition to me being genuinely concerned for my students and staff, it's a major embarrassment for me when my team and I travel all over the marketing the Gold Coast as an exciting yet safe location to come and study, only to have our students regularly confronted by drunken losers abusing them and anyone else in the vicinity.

It seems bizarre that the police are largely powerless to prevent such behaviour.

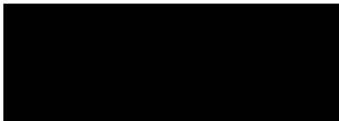
We urgently need something to be done about such antisocial behaviour if we want Southport to become, once again, a safe, welcoming place for visitors, workers and residents alike.

I would therefore request that Southport become a Designated Business and Community Precinct as soon as possible.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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