

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

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To: The chairman of The Justice Integrity and Community Safety Committee

Please find herein changes and initiatives that I see as vital to assisting with reducing the incidence of antisocial and criminal behaviour.

Under Section 77B of the Criminal Code of Queensland 1899, the Consorting Law was introduced so as to disrupt and destabilise criminal and antisocial Gangs and other offenders from associating with each other, primarily within the public domain.

At the present time said law is seen by antisocial and criminal offenders as trivial, and a law that virtually doesn't exist, Why, because the law within itself is weak insignificant and the penalties for breaching it are classed as a misdemeanour, SO WHY HAVE IT AT ALL

The Police do not use it because of the lack of appropriate penalties for breaches and it is seen by them as useless as it now is.

This law, in its present form, offers very little in the way of penalties for breaches and needs strengthening so as to make the law a criminal breach not a misdemeanour, especially for those offenders that are on bail.

With the appropriate penalties being applied to this particular law, it becomes an extremely powerful tool for the use by Police in being able to "move on" and destabilise antisocial and criminal offenders from associating and gathering in force.

As a person that has seen the results of the use of strong Consorting Laws, I recommend that the laws surrounding breaches of Queensland's Consorting laws be Redrawn and strengthened so as to make them and the Consorting Law, as such, a powerful tool for our Police and a law the antisocial and criminal elements will respect.

Antisocial and Criminal events within Business sectors.

As long as appropriate changes are made, The Consorting laws come into play here as it becomes far easier for Our Police to move offenders on and away from the Business sectors.

I am proposing an initiative that I have had firsthand experience with, **Business Watch**.

Business watch is a very simple initiative to implement and control, it is simply using a plan of disruption against antisocial and criminal offenders so that they do not frequent the business sectors.

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Increase Police presence on different days, at different hours.

Have the owners of businesses increase their Security and security Patrols.

Have a Telephone Tree set up between all of the shop and store keepers with a list containing Contact Phone numbers, Numbers of Staff, Name of the Managers, Owners.

A loud bell or whistle that is used when there is an issue, the staff or Manager steps outside of their store and rings or sounds the whistle thereby informing others that there is an issue.

The use of roaming Security Guards on random days and times using one company that has been appropriately screened by police and that works with police in a crossover fashion and reports to Police every week on issues or suspects.

Local councils usually have a community safety committee which from past experiences do not seem to be very efficient.

As such I am presenting to the committee what has proven to be an extremely resourceful and positive initiative in the reduction of antisocial and criminal activities.

This is a Committee set up comprising representatives from.

TAXIS, BUS COMPANIES, UBER, COURIERS, POLICE, COUNCILS, LOCAL MPs.

The function of this committee is the coalition and reporting of issues that have been seen by their drivers, drivers that know their areas and that know what is right or wrong, what fits and what doesn't i.e.

Hooning, Antisocial and criminal issues, vehicles and people that do not fit into the demographic of the local area, Gathering areas of suspect individuals or gangs.

This initiative gives our Police Hundreds of extra eyes and ears within the wider community and is very Proactive.

Having served on two such committees I can speak from firsthand experience as to the results.

Hoping the above initiatives and the Committee's endeavours make our Community a safer place to live.

Yours faithfully,

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