

Making Queensland Safer Bill 2024

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In relation to the changes to the sentencing options for young offenders, I would like to make the following submission:1. Any changes to the incarceration of young people needs to consider factors that have led to their offending. The provision of family education programs, employment options and de-radicalising of vulnerable young people by their cohorts.2. The 4 main pillars of youth justice are prevention; early intervention, diversion and rehabilitation, and need to be equally funded in line with how much the State funds incarceration.3. Rehabilitation alone will not provide a long term solution, however, habilitation : that is developing programs that helps young people to learn new skills where there were none. Whereas rehabilitation provides an environment that promotes skill development for young people that have learning deficits. Its those young people that are vulnerable and complex, being influenced to commit crimes. 4. I would like to see more discussion around program development for those young people and their famiies.5. Early intervention is key if there is to be an achievable long term recovery rate.