

Making Queensland Safer Bill 2024

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I am writing as a victim of recent crimes in Townsville. Shortly after moving here, my home and vehicle were repeatedly targeted, culminating in the theft of my car and stock for my business. The offenders, a group of under-16 teenagers, acted with no fear or regard for consequences, often armed with weapons like machetes, knives, and even firearms. As a law-abiding citizen, I have worked hard to establish my livelihood, only to see it disrupted by individuals who seem to face minimal accountability due to their age. While I understand they were detained, I do not know what consequences—if any—they will face. From my perspective, they are placed in detention centers that appear to provide them with comforts such as free meals, access to technology, and social opportunities. In contrast, I am left to bear the financial and emotional burdens. I have suffered significant monetary losses, my sense of safety is shattered, and I live in constant fear that they may return to harm my family or me. These young offenders show no remorse or fear, which is deeply unsettling. I firmly believe that the current approach does not provide the deterrence or rehabilitation necessary to prevent further harm to the community. "Adult crime, adult time" must be considered as a principle to address serious youth offenses. Young offenders need to understand the harsh realities of life and the consequences of their actions, not be placed in environments that might unintentionally reward or reinforce criminal behavior. I urge the authorities to review and reform laws related to youth crime. The safety of hardworking community members and the broader society must be prioritized. Thank you for considering my experience and concerns. Sincerely, Quan Ly Victim and Concerned Resident