Making Queensland Safer Bill 2024

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Queensland Youth Connections Indigenous Corporation would like to take this opportunity to make a submission regarding Making Queensland Safer Bill 2024.

The hurried approach and lack of community consultation on this bill we do not support. Every Queenslander deserves to feel safe in their homes, on the streets and at the shopping centres. Long-term solutions need to be provided to actually address the root causes of this complex matter. We oppose the bill and would like to see more in depth consultation with the community, experts and community organisations.

Queensland has the highest number of detained kids in the country. Reform to the youth justice system needs to be based on evidence and we know that the earlier a young person engages in the youth justice system, the continued ongoing detrimental impact it will have on them.

Queensland Youth Connections strongly asserts that delaying action on strengthening the rehabilitation processes and early intervention programs is not a sustainable approach. These young people will eventually grow up and reintegrate back into society. Are we merely postponing the inevitable challenges this presents? We believe in the necessity of implementing effective, long-term solutions. This requires a collaborative effort from the government, justice system, experts and the broader community to proactively address the root causes of youth crime and support meaningful rehabilitation pathways.

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