

Making Queensland Safer Bill 2024

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I do not support the “adult time for adult crime” concept or legislation. As the Youth Crime Reform Committee found, this practice does not work and in fact, makes the situation worse. We know that children locked up around other criminals makes their behaviour worse. What we need is to implement all 60 of the Youth Crime Reform Committee’s recommendations with a focus on education, health and rehabilitation of these children. Rehabilitation involves drastic measures like “boot camps” or training camps on country (if appropriate) and programs that increase self-esteem, not aggression. As a previous foster carer I know that the children we had in care responded better to compassion, empathy and skill development. These kids have had brutality and policing and it hasn’t helped. If it did help, we wouldn’t have a crime problem.