

Making Queensland Safer Bill 2024

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The government should give careful consideration to how the Adult Time, Adult Crime Bill is incompatible with human rights law. Also consider the strong likelihood of future class and individual actions against detention centre and other community and government entities that administer the new laws. In Tasmania this is happening right now. The churches have also been accused by litigants for years of physical, mental and sexual abuse experienced in their institutions. Not only will this new bill result in trauma for hundreds if not thousands of children and young people and their families, it will create an avalanche of legal proceedings against future governments and communities. It is expert and common knowledge that psychopaths and pedophiles find many of their victims in detention centres, prisons and the foster homes as well as family units. Is this the outcome really what victims of crime want? Many of us already feel great anger, violation and shame, without having to feel the weight of guilt about the State's unjust treatment of children through laws like this. We would prefer restorative justice, healing of trauma and rehabilitation. Please listen and heed the advice.