

Making Queensland Safer Bill 2024

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Our family is the victim of crime which resulted in the tragic death of a child in a road accident. The perpetrator went to prison. However, myself and my partner do not support the proposed bill and its intention to impose adult penalties on children for the following reasons. 1. This bill has been made without reference to evidence - there is little evidence, if any, to show that children would be deterred from criminal behaviour because of the possible penalties. 2. The law contravenes Qlds own human rights act and international Human Rights conventions on the rights of children3. there has been very short notice, to allow a considered and informed approach to the legislation.4. Our detention systems are sub-standard and in many situations amount to child-abuse.5. The legislation is racist in its application as indigenous people are far more highly represented in crime statistics. 6. We need to focus on child safety. that means stable housing, freedom from violence in the home, some level of privacy at home for young people, so they don't feel the need to be out on the streets. 7. We. We'd to re-establish the Aboriginal Truth telling commission as a first step to dealing with the generational trauma and abuse of indigenous Australians. 8. Indigenous groups involved in the juvenile justice system should be consulted on this proposal. In summary, this proposal is cruel, unchristian, poorly considered, racist, and is to the detriment of evereyone in our society. Imagine your 12 yr old child or grandchild being subject to these laws - it could happen.