

# Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2026

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# Submission to the Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee

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## **Introduction**

I appreciate the opportunity to make a submission regarding the Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2026 currently before the Queensland Parliament.

As a Queensland resident, I support efforts to improve community safety and the effective operation of the justice system. At the same time, it is important that legislation remains clear, proportionate, and fair for ordinary members of the public who may be affected by these provisions.

## **Community Perspective**

In addition to my interest as a Queensland resident, I volunteer with Rosies – Friends on the Street, an outreach organisation that supports people experiencing homelessness and social isolation.

Through this work I regularly engage with vulnerable members of the community and see firsthand how legal systems, policing practices, and public policy can affect people who are already facing significant challenges. These experiences have reinforced for me the importance of legislation that balances public safety with fairness, transparency, and compassion.

I believe laws should protect the community while also ensuring that individuals are treated justly and that unintended consequences for vulnerable people are carefully considered.

## **1. Possession of Prescribed Metal Items – Proposed Criminal Code Section 401**

The bill introduces a new offence for possession of a prescribed metal item reasonably suspected of being stolen.

While I understand the intention of addressing theft of infrastructure and catalytic converters, the wording appears broad and may risk affecting individuals who legitimately possess metal items in the course of their work or daily activities, such as tradespeople, mechanics, recyclers or construction workers.

I recommend the committee consider clarifying the evidentiary standard for “reasonable suspicion” and introducing safeguards for lawful possession of metal items in legitimate employment or commercial activities.

## **2. Proportionality of Penalties for Theft of Valuable Metal Items**

The bill proposes significant penalties for theft of valuable metal items, including maximum terms of imprisonment of up to 25 years in certain circumstances where disruption or danger occurs.

While theft of infrastructure can cause serious harm, it may be appropriate for the committee to consider whether the penalties are proportionate and whether additional guidance or tiered penalties may help ensure consistent and fair sentencing outcomes.

## **3. Disclosure of Alleged Offender Information to Media Entities**

The bill introduces provisions allowing disclosure of alleged offender information to accredited media entities.

While transparency and public awareness are important, there may be concerns regarding the presumption of innocence and potential

reputational harm to individuals who have not been convicted of an offence.

I recommend the committee consider whether additional safeguards are appropriate, such as limiting disclosure to serious offences or requiring a public interest test before such information is released.

## **Conclusion**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on this bill. I appreciate the committee's work in reviewing legislation and considering community perspectives from Queensland residents.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Robinson