

Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Bill 2025

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I write this submission with concern about the bill stated above. There is no evidence that tougher sentencing laws will reform young people. I would like to see change that encourages young people to become part of the community. Change can come about through therapeutic programs. 53% of children in the youth justice system are impacted by domestic family violence causing post-traumatic Stress which causes a change in behaviour, therefore, they need therapy programs, 44% have a disability therefore their understanding/learning capacity by be impaired therefore can not understand what is going on, 30% have unsuitable accommodation is placing them in a watch really the answer to this issue, 81% have a substance this needs to be addressed as to why / what is happening in their life again placing them in a watch is not the answer. 70% of kids detained re-offend. Post-release support is what is required children want to belong and have a connection. I understand that people know there are consequences for their actions but detention is not the answer. These children need healing, restoring human dignity and most of all hope.