

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

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Dear Committee Secretary,

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

On behalf of the Goondiwindi Regional Council (Council), I wish to thank the Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee for inviting submissions regarding the *Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime Adult Time) Amendment Bill 2025* (Bill).

Council supports the proposed amendment to Section 175A of the *Youth Justice Act 1992* to introduce 'adult crime, adult time' for an additional 20 criminal offences under the Criminal Code and *Drugs Misuse Act 1986*.

The severity and frequency of juvenile crime has significantly impacted our community. The overwhelming majority of property crime experienced by our community is due to a small number of repeat youth offenders.

Consequently, Council has advocated the need for legislative changes to occur to break the cycle of crime and hold repeat offenders accountable and protect communities.

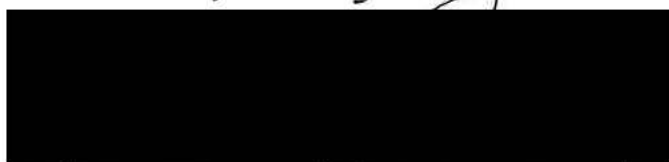
The proposed amendment will result in greater deterrents and interventions to prevent ours and other communities having to deal with the consequences of repeat juvenile offenders.

In 2022, Council put forward a motion to the annual Local Government Association of Queensland conference, calling on the State Government to develop and coordinate a panel of experts, consisting of, but not limited to, Queensland Police, Members of the Queensland Judiciary, relevant State Government departments and members of Victims of Crime groups to review the *Juvenile Justice Act 1992 (QLD)* and the Youth Justice Framework with the aim of, *inter alia*, implementing greater consequences and penalties for repeat Juvenile offenders and requesting consistent interpretation of the legislation by Magistrates dealing with youth offenders that is reflective of community expectations and needs.

I am confident that the proposed amendment will assist in the achievement of the outcomes referred to in Council's motion.

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission.

Yours faithfully



**The Hon Cr Lawrence Springborg AM**  
Mayor  
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