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Re-Invitation to be a witness with my views in crime prevention

Good morning Gail & Peter

Yes I would love to attend and deliver my thoughts on how I view the Judicial Vs Police, Vs, barristers, Vs. Solicitors, Vs. Crims Vs. general Publics Vs. Governments, Vs The media.

As I am a JP (Qual) and listen to the Police and Juveniles every so often.

Thanks for the opportunity, to vent mine and friends views on our perception on crimes in Queensland, and how we as the general public see and hear, the various sides to every crime committed, and the arguments are fed out here to us, by the spin doctors, to make everyone else guilty, and not the side the person is talking about.

This might not be in any particular order, but it's what we get out here, along with some examples, and experience meeting and listening to Police, Social workers, Juveniles, warders, crims, friends, victims. Politicians,????????

1. The Politicians? I will start here; I feel they seem to do what their leader say's rightly or wrongly. As if they don't have a valid point of view, privately they have, but if they express it they will be crucified, just because their leader has a personal opposite view, Which can be so out of step with the community ,
2. But they flog it to death, hopefully getting votes for their ramblings.
3. EG it's all the other parties fault, but we are bringing in the toughest anti bikie laws, Anti drug laws. We are making it harder for these people to belong to gangs.
4. Two things, one Before they announced this to the general public, They should have spoken to every judge, magistrate, to get their views, on the proposed laws they were proposing, to make sure, it went through the system with everyone, on the same bus.
5. What happened was, the Judiciary got their nose out of joint, with a young kid , still wet behind his ears, announcing this is how it is and you will do what we say when we say it.
6. Instead of marketing it to the Judiciary who have to make the decisions at the end of the day.
7. So what happened, the crooks were being let of and out, as we out here saw it as you don't tell us what to do, we tell you.
8. With some common courtesy and respect for the Judiciary you pollies would have had a better result from day one.
9. And the general public would have also been better informed, and comfortable with those decisions. And no appeals, time wasting, plus costs, from our taxpayers money.
10. Getting the Judiciary off side, by appealing our decision and we will get even with you by giving out what we want, and you will not like it tough. And we make those decisions. Not you.
11. The laws in Qld are in a state of disarray, as far as I see some of them.
12. Juveniles, under 16 years of age kids. I have over the years sat in on Police interviews, with these kids. They didn't live at home, parents dis-owned them, some on drugs, foster homes, lived on the street, couching, house to house.

13. Example, A. This 14 year old, has been in trouble with the Police many times, for minor shoplifting, lived in a foster home, where the foster parents were drug dealers. And she was a seller along with several other kids also living there, pinching cars joy riding; it was to them all good fun.
14. Example.B. This kid was picked up for Graffiti, His Mother interstate when the Police contacted her Quote "Lock him up" I got to talking to him about his Graffiti, "I like it" will you stop "No" Where did you get your scooter and Tee shirt, I saw another 2 kids with them and I decided I wanted them, so I punched them up and took them". I sat in on the interview with the police, nothing about this was mentioned, I said about other goings on, we will look into it, what will happen to this kid, he will go to court next week. Ok see you later.
15. Example ,C. Two local Aboriginal girls were arrested for breaking and entering, stealing, why, we love the adrenalin charge it gives us. The goods taken were Xboxes, as gifts for their mates. When they were arrested, by the Police they were set upon by the other residents of the house, and none of them were charged, with assault.
16. Example.D. Two girls were arrested for shop lifting in a major shopping centre, Both had been banned from the centre, for a period of time, but were back the day after the ban expired, They couched around in other people's houses, they all had food clothing money. Mobile phones. Parent's dis- owned them.
17. Example.E. This is before my time as a JP. This juvenile out west of Rockhampton, past Emerald, had to go to court in Rockhampton, so he pinched a car drove in went to court, got off on a good behaviour bond, and was home before the Police had left Rockhampton, as he was seen by other Police driving the stolen car down the main street.
18. In every case the police spend so much time following up these kids, bringing them to the Police station, Finding a JP, interviewing them, the time consuming paper war. To see them back on the street or shopping centre, doing what they are good at again and again.
19. Over the years, I have spoken to many people about this, no names, location, their crime. Asking what the system should do with them.
 - A. A couple of kids didn't like the thought of being in detention, as they had been there before, and that hadn't changed their ways, Parents from being in a defacto relationship, discipline. Etc.
 - B. I have a very good friend who is Aboriginal, top of his mob, because of his age, gentleman's gentleman.
Reckons all these kids should be outback in a boot camp, on a cattle property, learning people and animal skills, Respect, education, etc. When they are deemed to be on the right track then allowed back in the city.
 - C. Another friend who has over the years, has had a lot to do with, Policing, child protection, counselling, Thinks like us , send them outback. Child protection is a mess, the staff only last up to 18 months. Because of stress.
 - D. An Aboriginal lady came into the courthouse to have certified copies of her Uni exams stamped by me. She wanted to get into child protection and child safety, I asked her what should be done with the lack of respect these kids have, amongst the time we were in he office, just generally chatting, She said to send them to the outback, to teach them respect, and getting off drugs, petrol & paint sniffing.
 - E. My thoughts are pretty much the same, Only get these kids to start at the start of the Fitzroy River at Port Alma heading upstream past Blackwater, Clearing all the Lantana, rubber vine , cactus, along the river banks.
 - F. Same in the National parks, Reservoirs catchment areas.
 - G. Rid the National Parks of feral animals, Cats, dogs, goats, Pigs, Foxes, The Goats and Pigs are saleable, so sell them.
 - H. Teach them skills in Forestry, animal Husbandry, Australian natives, Kangaroos, Wallabies, Koala's, all reptiles, Amphibians, Birds.

- I. Water and soil conservation, native grasses, Trees shrubs.
- J. I can only see well from this sort of programme, This creates skills these people would never have, they go in as crims, and can come out with a better appreciation of another world, and word of mouth experiences, teaching others of what is out there.
- K. The world is then their Oyster.
- L. Then amongst them would be some who could specialise in Cane toad eradication, from science, to making souvenirs. Another trade.
- M. The breeding program for the endangered bridge-nail tailed wallaby. And habitat protection.
- N. Also the hairy nosed Wombats , breeding program, and habitat protection
- O. Fishing, the Tilapia, Facts are they will never be eradicated, Do not believe what the bureaucrats say. Facts are there are about 250,000. Philippino's here in Australia. And all were bought up eating Tilapia. They are farmed in Taiwan, look at the website, the whole fish is used, and nothing is wasted. Why should we import this valuable money making asset.
- 20.....I firmly believe these Crooks crims, who in most cases are in a position of spiralling on a downward trend into professional crime, as they are in most cases unemployable. So what do we as a community do with them, lock them up and let them out to do it all again.
- 21..... There are in goals Engineers, architects, builders, plumbers, electricians, glaziers, roofers, brickies, concreters, etc, plus the unemployable, uneducated,
- 22.... Give them the opportunity, to go into any of the above professions, for the benefit of the community, build new goals, houses in national Parks, grow everything the goals need, milk meat, vegetables. Trees, shrubs, Honey and Bee population management.
- 23.... Now somebody will complain about the cost, fact the goal system has all the people with these skills, trainers are already inside, and all get paid a Dollar a day. The few extra warders needed, are taxpayers so they are cheap. And the ones who think they can escape, why it's better in here than outside.
- 24... The good part is I have finally learnt something new and these skills I can get a good job, wife family home, and repay the community for giving me a new outlook on life away from being a crook or a crim.

That's part one,

Part two.

1. The Police...We all see so many new police coming through the academe, then somewhere I read many have left after the first year, the more soon after over the next few years, at a cost of \$200,000.00 each, I have heard of how much it costs per officer, whatever it is a considerable amount of money,
2. Some I have spoken to is there is, no real back up, support, from above. I suggest because of such high turnover, there should be an independent ex police officer going and talking to the kids and find out the truth behind the resignation. Ok some weren't suited, and chose the wrong career.
3. Now the Police Versus the Judiciary, recently I friend Policeman, was annoyed when a judge basically threw out the policeman's paperwork because, of the page numbering, instead of it being in the bottom right hand corner. It was on the top right hand corner. So another day typing fixing back to court wondering what's next.
4. Talking to a Senior Sergeant, been in the force for 40years, recently. Saying the days have gone when the crooks are caught charged, taken to court, sentenced, and locked up. Today It is us who are on trial, and this is allowed by the Judiciary, for the defendant barrister or Solicitor, to

cross exam us forever, on minor points which not relevant to the charges. And we are on our own,

5. Many cases are not even going to court because they are not given a fair chance of succeeding because of the way we are cross examined, and not supported by the judiciary, who are supposed to be on our side. So the crooks either not charged or let go, or we go to court to be let down again.
6. Bail, we oppose it and no- body takes any notice of us, and sure enough they crooks go and commit another crime, all we do is wait and see before they do it all again.
7. I see this all the time when the media cover it. Even when I was in Rockhampton I can't remember his name was let out after the Police, Goal staff said no to releasing him, The police couldn't do anything until after he Murdered Keira Steinhardt, on her way home from school.

That's Part 2

Part 3

1. Police Vs Barristers. Vs media. And the general Public's right to know.
2. The Police have a job to do and do it well; I am talking here about what's in the news from the Media, case in Point. The Rape and Murder of the young lady in Sydney rd Brunswick in Melbourne, The media publicity was there all the time,
3. Same as Baden Clay. All day on every news.
4. Joanne Ryther, Only a little up to the Funeral and one year on, Service.
5. We are all asking why, The Aboriginal 18year old was never named mentioned, Plus he was known and harboured by the Aboriginal community in Woodridge, and why weren't they charged as well. Seems to us there are two laws.
6. This has friends asking questions of the legal aid this guy has, it that available to say me, or other Australians.
7. When sentencing comes along re the lady in Melbourne, He got two sentences, one for Rape and another for murder, and another for parole. In theory he could be out on parole which does nothing for the crime or the relatives, Murder is Murder, that's it, life and no if's or butt's.
8. That sort of sentence would stop a lot of murders, also so called degree's
9. Especially One punch can kill""the cause of death is the punch; the effect is hitting their head on the footpath, also no if's and no butts, No excuses.
10. With all this violence on our streets, The offender who injures someone, should automatically spend time in goal for the same length of time the injured person spends in total time before they are 100% fit and healthy. And pay their costs in total as well, through asset sales or salary sacrifice.
11. Terrorists, be deported back to where they and their family came from, their assets forfeited to the crown, and sold .to cover the costs involved. All Australian citizen rights cancelled, and those who don't like it can go as well. The ones left then know and understand to be an Australian, you can't be both, and it's your democratic decision.
12. I firmly believe you only have make a few examples of serious goal non parole time you could wipe out these crimes.
13. Sentencing When I was in my Teens, rape was about 7 years in pentridge, then later in the 60's that had dropped to 6 then 5, now it's a joke. Car theft was goal time,
14. Disrespecting The Police was an automatic charge for abusive language, now anybody can say what they want when they want and the Judiciary allow this. Wrong, you go to court and swear at the judge your in clink, automatically, an on the spot fine of \$250.00 should apply.

15. Every law enforcement officer, should have as standard personal equipment Audio, and video, digital recorders on them, and all they have to do is, if it continues, they should be arrested, charged – fined, say after 1 warning, on the spot \$250.00. and each derogative remark or offensive remark in the Police officers view, should be fined \$250.00 for each offensive word, and this is not a court matter. You don't pay within 7 days then automatically 1 day in goal for every \$50.00 fined. Again no appeal, no court time.
16. We have to bring back respect to the Police , be disrespectful, and you can expect the system to bite back. I grew up with the local Police where you were respectful. Our Parents got a phone call, after we got a clip on the ear and a boot up the backside. And when I got home i copped it all again.

That's Part 3

Part 4.

1. Sentencing, Parole, courses. Another way of slowing down the trip to goal is what they do in one of the US states (Arizona) If it's good enough for our troops to go to war to protect us, then is good enough for you to live the same way, in Army tents, TV only Richard Attenborough, Disney world, nothing else, no Phones, no cigarettes or tobacco. Soft drinks, only fresh water from taps.
2. You want to do these extra sojourns to a better world, you have to show your attitude has improved, your respect for authority, Acceptance of your crime, and you will be continually evaluated, not only by your Guards but staff as well, also the police, this should have nothing to with the Parole boards as they have made so many mistakes in the past, they should be disbanded.
3. Inmates think and get a luxurious life inside, TV, Phones, computers, tobacco, energy drinks, Air conditioning, visitors, as per Baden Clay the same night he went in and the next day, nobody else got those visiting rights.
4. Crims crooks have to be put on notice that life on the inside it not going to be life in a motel, on a bed of roses, times up we taxpayers are sick and tired or forking out for your good life, our goals should be run and 100% owned by Queenslanders, not overseas corporations.
5. Also the rules, inside are decided by management, not do-gooders, or civil liberationist's. For everyone's benefit.
6. We also must accept that there are differences in people, set in stone with their DNA at the time of conception, and I get the feeling that some of the Judiciary don't accept this fact,
7. EG Career crims, Paedophiles', Rapists, Murderers, Homosexuals, Lesbians, People with Mental Illness, both Male and female. Some of these cannot ever be released into the community, as they are a danger to other law abiding citizens.

That's Part 4

Part 5 closing statement.

In closing I would like to thank everybody for allowing me time to give my thoughts on a subject that is always in the media, usually for the wrong reasons, as that sells advertising time on TV and newspapers to the general public.

I would like to see stronger decisions made by the judiciary, that takes into account the views and expectations of the general public.

The elected Politicians, can come up with ideas for laws, and sentencing, etc but get the consensus from the general public like this forum, and the Judiciary, and Police, who have to enforce them. Then pass the laws in Parliament.

I hope I have expressed my views in a way acceptable to many of you.

Will everything I have outlined be acted upon, probably not?

Part 3/11. I decided to put in the paragraph about Terrorists I know it's a commonwealth decision, not necessarily a state decision.

Giving you something to think about yes.

I would back any Politician given the marketing skills, would romp in the next election on these matters alone.

Thanks

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