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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Steven Daw, I am providing these comments as an individual. My address is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and my email address is [REDACTED]

Central and North Qld is sick and tired of youth crime. Whilst the Amendment Bill is welcomed, it falls far short of what residents in regional Qld have asked for repeatedly, that is, the option to send repeat offenders to a weeks to months long program out in Western Qld where the ability to break the cycle youth find themselves in occurs. Skills will be gained as well as meaningful life education, sadly lacking in many of the repeat offenders.

This will provide a cheaper and more effective way of reforming young offenders, sending them to a low security facility in a remote location on programs teaching them to work on the land and learning life skills. A young person in a Queensland detention centre costs the state about \$530,000 per year, under some proposals, the cost is around \$90,000 per year.

We are tired of simple SE Qld centric solutions and NOT being listened to, that is one reason why the appeal to create a new state of Central and North Qld is now supported by over 50% of regional residents.

I would request the committee ensure youth relocation sentencing to appropriate outback facilities be included as an option. Failing to listen when this has been repeatedly called for from multiple regional communities, councils and politicians is unacceptable. If once again, no action is forthcoming, the issue will only grow significantly worse than the massive crime problems we now have in regional Qld, and the majority of regional voters will likely respond accordingly at every level of future Govt elections.

Kind regards

Steve

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