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Re: Submission for Youth Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2021

I'm a 57 yo woman, living in fear, in Townsville, because of the out of control juvenile repeat offenders. My husband works at a mine site on a 14 on 7 off roster, which means I am on my own a lot. We have very high security measures installed in our home and I'm still scared in my own home and I shouldn't have to live like this if these juveniles were properly punished for the adult crimes they are committing over and over every day in Townsville.

I start work at 7am Mon to Friday and I fear driving to work that early as these criminals are still out and about in stolen cars ramming innocent people going about their business. We should be able to travel on the roads without fear of being rammed or run off the roads.

These juvenile criminals have started targeting older people, a category which I fall into. As there's no consequences for these offenders and they know that. They know they'll get bail and be allowed out to do it all over again. It's nonsense that they don't know what they're doing, they do and they don't care. There should be no bail at all for serious crimes committed by juveniles (of any age), eg break and enter, armed robbery, violent behaviour towards innocent people, dangerous operations of a vehicle as in ramming or running off road, of other road users, because adults get punished by jail terms for committing these crimes.

No more soft approach to these juvenile criminals and protect the innocent people of Queensland. I just want to feel safe in my town.

Thanks,

Kerry Roberts