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I note 'The Queensland Government remains committed to community safety, reducing youth offending and reducing crime victimisation.' Despite the Queensland Government commitment to keep communities safe from 'juvenile delinquents', the system is failing the people and communities of Queensland.

I live in Townsville where the number of vehicles being stolen is a daily occurrence and crashes involving stolen vehicles is frequently occurring. It is not just property being damaged **but the careless and the intent to drive dangerously on the roads is of the most concern**. This amounts **to intent to kill or cause maximum physical harm** to the people in our community. The recent crashes involving stolen vehicles in the last few weeks/months has been by repeat offenders.

Stealing vehicles is not just stealing a vehicle, it has become a weapon for these juvenile delinquents to harm and kill innocent people. Driving dangerously is intent to kill. *Punishment should fit the crime, not the age.*

The serious of Breach of Bail must be re-instated regardless of age. It must be made a criminal offence. I propose that the laws surrounding giving bail to repeat offenders be changed to no bail. On the second or third offence, no bail is given. Also if bail is given, then the community/ person/parent who the offender is release to, be held responsible if the offender does not abide by the bail conditions and is also subjected to being charged as well. Accountability must fall on **both** the juvenile delinquent and the community/ person/parent who the juvenile is released on bail to.

The reason for the juvenile delinquents' behaviour is a subject for another debate and another submission.

I am requesting that the laws keep innocent people safe. We should not be living in fear of a stolen vehicle driving at speed on the wrong side of the road and killing one of our loved ones.

yours sincerely

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