



Youth Justice Reform Select Committee

Priority areas for Phase 2 of the Inquiry into Youth Justice Reform in Queensland endorsed by the Youth Justice Reform Select Committee in December 2023

Consulting stakeholders on:

1. A 10-year strategy for youth justice in Queensland that engages all government agencies and community organisations which deliver services along the youth justice service continuum.
2. How to instigate earlier assessment, intervention and prevention strategies that support children and their families to access health, education, housing and other services.
3. Reimagining youth justice infrastructure, including best practice standard accommodation for children and young people who are detained, held on remand or transitioning from detention to the community.
4. How to improve:
 - a. children and young people's engagement with positive programs, particularly for those held on remand or released on bail where engagement may be lower compared to those in detention.
 - b. children and young people's transition back into the community, including consideration of supported accommodation models.
5. The current operation of the *Youth Justice Act 1992*, including sentencing principles, the criteria for serious repeat offender declarations and traffic offences.
6. How to strengthen public confidence in the youth justice system, including by:
 - a. examining the impact of social media and traditional news media on youth offending and community perceptions of safety
 - b. improving the way data on youth crime is communicated to the public.
7. How to improve youth justice system responses to victims and ensure they are able to access support services across the state.