

Youth Justice Reform Select Committee inquiry into youth justice reform in Queensland

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Back on 22/03/2022 our house was broken into via wrecking a window and 2 cars stolen 3 mobile phones wallets etc.

Police found one car that day and the second the following day both smashed up and written off. Police phoned to advise and said they had caught the offenders. Therefore, they must have been repeat offenders to be caught so quick, the police also advised the offenders were going to court. The police did a great job and would have phoned us on at least 4 occasions.

We received a letter from the Youth Justice mob on the 03/05/2022 (copy attached) that they were to organize a conference with the offenders and us. After 6 weeks with no contact from them I phoned and was told they were very busy but would get back us, this also happened on other phone calls made to them. Today 31/10/2023 I phoned them again at 8.35 am and after talking to 2 people was told that my enquiry had to be passed up the line, but that person was not in the office at present to reply to me and they would get back to me. Phoned me at 10.30 today and advise offenders went back to the Childrens Court and they do not know the outcome or would not tell and there will be no meeting with the offenders. Note the signature on the document ????

Not good enough. Maybe you or a member of your staff make a call to the Youth Justice mob quoting the file number and see how you go with them in the real world and not the parliamentary bubble to find out why.

We are out of pocket by about \$10,000.

Window repairs, change all house locks as house keys with car keys, 3 mobile phones, wallets, and 2 car insurance excesses, purchase of 2 cars, stamp duty on 2 cars and change of registration costs, big increase in 2 new car insurances due to claims which is ongoing before we can get back to rating 1 as previous.

One car was just 4 years old and just out of a novated lease with 28,000 Km on the clock.

Why us the victims cannot get compensation. Maybe the Queensland Government or you can reimburse us for our financial loss.

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3/05/2022

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Dear [REDACTED],

I have been advised by the **Townsville Childrens Court** that a young person has admitted committing the following offence against you.

Offence	Act	Section	Offence Date
UNLAWFUL USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES AIRCRAFT OR VESSELS - USE	CRIMINAL CODE	408A(1)(A)	22/03/2022

This matter has been referred for a Restorative Justice Process which involves a meeting of the people affected by a crime committed by a young person. The purpose of the conference is to talk about what happened and discuss what can be done to help repair the harm caused by the offence. Support people for both you and the young person are encouraged to attend the conference.

A convenor will contact you shortly to arrange a time to meet to discuss the details of the offence, explain what happens at a conference and answer any questions you may have. The meeting is called a pre-conference interview.

All participants have the right to obtain legal advice regarding this process, if they choose to. Should you like some further information in relation to who to contact for legal advice, the convenor will discuss this with you during the pre-conference interview.

Further if you require information regarding support services that you may be able to access please speak to your convenor about referral options.

Please find enclosed some information about restorative justice conferencing. If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact **Townsville South Youth Justice** on **(07 4796 6299)**.

Yours sincerely

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