

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

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The Metropolitan region of the QLD Ed Dept had successful proactive intervention programmes for both primary and high school students with complex behaviour needs which were axed at the end of 2023. These programmes engaged the students in social, emotional and resilience lesson/ activities and the students gained skills to manage self regulation and antisocial behaviours. Why has the Dept of Ed ceased these programmes when there is evidence that early intervention is successful? These programmes catered to students from Prep to Grade 10, the students attended for a number of days per week and then were supported back in the school setting. These students came from a variety of backgrounds including trauma, mental health, school refusal, indigenous and refugees. By cancelling them they have left the schools to manage these students on their own. I propose that the Government reinstates these successful programmes and funds and supports them adequately so that they can continue to work with these youths to learn the skills needed to engage positively and successfully in society. I have recently been a victim of a house breakin and theft and understand the complex issues facing some of these youths. With support, education and skill building they can and do turn their lives around.