

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

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Not sure if my input will help. Whilst a detective in QLD police I spent several years in the child protection unit. I had the opportunity to gain the trust of one serial offending juvenile I asked them why they continued to offend Their answer was simply, you know where and how I live, I am lucky if I get one meal a day. Alternative I break into houses, steal money and what ever I can to sell. This keeps me fed, and I can buy what I want. The police catch me, I get sent by the Magistrate back to juvenile detention where I get three meals a day, clean beds, I meet up with my mates, and generally have a great time. I Get let out and do it all over again, knowing that the worst that is going to happen to me when I get caught is sent back to juvenile detention. [Their words " Not really a deterrent "]