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Dear Minister

COMMUNITY CONCERNS ABOUT YOUTH BAIL

I write to you regarding youth bail for offenders with significant offences and/or criminal history.

I refer to a recent case heard by the Toowoomba Children's Court regarding a youth aged 16-years-old who has been charged with 71 property related offences.

I acknowledge the important reforms already undertaken by the Palaszczuk Government to tackle recidivous youth offenders. This has influenced the number of youths who have been refused bail. However, the above referred case is an example where members of our community have ongoing concerns about the application of the recent legislative reforms.

As you could appreciate there are real and serious concerns from community members in Goondiwindi regarding youths who have already demonstrated a serious intent to commit property related crime, to only be released back into the community where it's likely they will continue this reckless behaviour.

I am seeking your assistance with taking a look into this issue to determine if there is anything more that can be done to give our community some peace of mind.

Yours faithfully



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