

Stronger laws for community safety

The Queensland Government has announced new action and stronger laws to further protect community safety.

This tough new action includes:

1. **Increasing the maximum penalty for stealing a car** from 7 years to 10 years imprisonment
2. **A more severe penalty of 14 years** if the offence of stealing a car is committed at night, where the offender uses violence or threatens violence, is armed or pretends to be armed, is in company or damages or threatens to damage any property
3. Amend the *Youth Justice Act* requiring courts to take into account **previous bail history, criminal activity and track record when sentencing**
4. Increased penalties for criminals **who share these crimes on social media**
5. **Extreme High Visibility Police Patrols**
6. A \$9.89 million **fast-track sentencing program** in Brisbane, Townsville, Southport and Cairns **so children spend less time on remand and more time serving their sentences**
7. The construction of **two new youth detention centres**
8. **A trial of engine immobilisers** in Mt Isa, Cairns and Townsville
9. The appointment within Queensland Police Service of an Assistant Commissioner to the position of **Youth Crime Taskforce Commander**
10. The increased penalties apply to adults as well as juvenile offenders.

The Government will introduce the required legislative changes into the Queensland Parliament in February 2023.

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