

# How to complete the Qld Youth Justice survey to best support the rights of young people...

Survey link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/qldyouthjusticesurvey>

**Pages 1-5:** Complete as per your experience.

**Pages 6-7:** We suggest that you complete as below to best protect young people from the introduction of draconian and criminalising laws.

## Crime Survey - Have your say

### Crime prevention

This section identifies a range of crime prevention initiatives and asks you to indicate how effective you think each initiative is likely to be in preventing crime and disorder.

#### STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

How effective do you think the following measures are in preventing crime and disorder:

##### 9. Better supervision of young people by parents

Not effective at all
  Not very effective
  Neither effective nor not effective
  Quite effective
  Very effective
  Don't know

##### 10. Providing programs that support parents to take better care of, and responsibility for, their children

Not effective at all
  Not very effective
  Neither effective nor not effective
  Quite effective
  Very effective
  Don't know

##### 11. Providing better support to children experiencing violence and neglect

Not effective at all
  Not very effective
  Neither effective nor not effective
  Quite effective
  Very effective
  Don't know

#### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

How effective do you think the following measures are in preventing crime and disorder:

##### 12. Private companies (eg. banks, mining companies) being involved in delivering and supporting crime prevention initiatives

Not effective at all
  Not very effective
  Neither effective nor not effective
  Quite effective
  Very effective
  Don't know

##### 13. Unpaid work by offenders in the community

Not effective at all
  Not very effective
  Neither effective nor not effective
  Quite effective
  Very effective
  Don't know

#### STRENGTHENING JUSTICE RESPONSES

How effective do you think the following measures are in preventing crime and disorder:

##### 14. Prison sentences

Not effective at all
  Not very effective
  Neither effective nor not effective
  Quite effective
  Very effective
  Don't know

#### IMPROVING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

How effective do you think the following measures are in preventing crime and disorder:

##### 15. Reducing court delays to decrease the length of time people are held on remand

Not effective at all
  Not very effective
  Neither effective nor not effective
  Quite effective
  Very effective
  Don't know

##### 16. Providing bail support programs

Not effective at all
  Not very effective
  Neither effective nor not effective
  Quite effective
  Very effective
  Don't know

#### RESPONDING TO THE CAUSES OF CRIME

How effective do you think the following measures are in preventing crime and disorder:

##### 17. Better mental health care

Not effective at all
  Not very effective
  Neither effective nor not effective
  Quite effective
  Very effective
  Don't know

##### 18. Treatment to tackle drug addiction

Not effective at all
  Not very effective
  Neither effective nor not effective
  Quite effective
  Very effective
  Don't know

##### 19. Treatment to tackle binge drinking

Not effective at all
  Not very effective
  Neither effective nor not effective
  Quite effective
  Very effective
  Don't know

##### 20. Providing education and employment

Not effective at all
  Not very effective
  Neither effective nor not effective
  Quite effective
  Very effective
  Don't know

##### 21. Do you have any suggestions for other ideas that may reduce crime?

Justice reinvestment, spending dollars on prevention

This section identifies a range of initiatives that specifically target young offenders or young people at risk of engaging with the youth justice system. In Queensland, the youth justice system responds to young people between the ages of 10 and 16 years. In your opinion, how effective do you think each intervention is likely to be in preventing youth crime and making Queensland safer?

**EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION**

Prevention programs that are implemented early in a child's life aim to reduce the likelihood that they will offend in the future. These include early childhood development programs such as early childhood education programs, targeted maternal and child health care programs, parenting programs, and home visitation programs.

22. How effective do you think early intervention and prevention is in preventing youth crime and making Queensland safer?  
 Not effective at all     Not very effective     Neither effective nor not effective     Quite effective     Very effective     Don't know

**EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Education programs which are focused on keeping young people participating in, and engaged with, school, in order to reduce offending.

23. How effective do you think education programs are in preventing youth crime and making Queensland safer?  
 Not effective at all     Not very effective     Neither effective nor not effective     Quite effective     Very effective     Don't know

**EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS**

Employment programs which are focused on skilling young people and finding them jobs in order to reduce offending.

24. How effective do you think employment programs are in preventing youth crime and making Queensland safer?  
 Not effective at all     Not very effective     Neither effective nor not effective     Quite effective     Very effective     Don't know

**COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION**

Community crime prevention initiatives focus on engaging, supporting and building local community capacity to address local crime and safety issues.

25. How effective do you think community crime programs are in preventing youth crime and making Queensland safer?  
 Not effective at all     Not very effective     Neither effective nor not effective     Quite effective     Very effective     Don't know

**TARGETED INTERVENTIONS**

Targeted programs aim to reduce offending by addressing specific risk behaviours (eg. programs which provide in-home treatment to families of young offenders, focusing on improving parenting skills).

26. How effective do you think targeted interventions are in preventing youth crime and making Queensland safer?  
 Not effective at all     Not very effective     Neither effective nor not effective     Quite effective     Very effective     Don't know

**PROLIFIC OFFENDER PROGRAMS**

Prolific offender programs use increased police supervision combined with other interventions for a small group of prolific offenders to address the issues that fuel criminal activity. Interventions can include referrals to drug or mental health treatment, or to job or housing programs.

27. How effective do you think prolific offender programs are in preventing youth crime and making Queensland safer?  
 Not effective at all     Not very effective     Neither effective nor not effective     Quite effective     Very effective     Don't know

**YOUTH BOOT CAMPS**

The Government has commenced a youth boot camp trial which will include program components such as physical activity/experiential learning, intensive family support, offence focused programs, education, training and employment, health services, community reparation, and mentoring.

28. How effective do you think a trial of boot camps will be in preventing youth crime and making Queensland safer?  
 Not effective at all     Not very effective     Neither effective nor not effective     Quite effective     Very effective     Don't know

**NAMING AND SHAMING**

Currently, the identity of a child in Queensland is protected until the age of 17, on the basis that those who make mistakes when they are young should not be punished for life once they turn their lives around.

29. How effective do you think publishing of the details of young offenders would be in preventing youth crime and making Queensland safer?  
 Not effective at all     Not very effective     Neither effective nor not effective     Quite effective     Very effective     Don't know

**BREACH OF BAIL**

If a child breaches their bail conditions they can be returned to Court and re-sentenced for the original offence. Breach of bail itself is not an offence but it is an offence for the child not to appear in court on the date required by the bail undertaking. For adults, breach of bail is already an offence.

30. How effective do you think making it an offence for a child to breach their bail conditions would be in preventing youth crime and making Queensland safer?  
 Not effective at all     Not very effective     Neither effective nor not effective     Quite effective     Very effective     Don't know

**ADMISSIBILITY OF FINDINGS OF GUILT IN ADULT COURTS**

If a young person is found guilty of an offence and no conviction is recorded, the Court will not be made aware of this finding should the young person appear before the Court as an adult. This principle is intended to recognise that mistakes made as a child should not follow a person into adulthood.

31. How effective do you think giving courts access to an adult offender's juvenile criminal history would be in making Queensland safer?  
 Not effective at all     Not very effective     Neither effective nor not effective     Quite effective     Very effective     Don't know

**AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF 18 YEAR OLDS TO ADULT CORRECTIONAL CENTRES**

The Youth Justice Act 1992 applies to children who have not yet turned 17 at the time of their offence. However, due to the length of time taken in the Court system and sometimes because of a lengthy period of detention, about one third of young people in Youth Detention Centres are aged 17 years and above and about 2% are aged 18 years and older. Currently, there is no automatic process to transfer offenders out of a youth detention centre and into an adult correctional facility once they turn 18 years of age.

32. How effective do you think automatically transferring offenders to adult correctional centres when they turn 18 would be in making Queensland safer?  
 Not effective at all     Not very effective     Neither effective nor not effective     Quite effective     Very effective     Don't know

**REMOVAL OF DETENTION AS A LAST RESORT**

Young offenders are currently sentenced to detention as a last resort. This principle is intended to recognise that young offenders should be given every opportunity to change their behaviour before being locked up.

33. How effective do you think the removal of the principle of detention as a last resort in relation to young offenders would be in preventing youth crime and making Queensland safer?  
 Not effective at all     Not very effective     Neither effective nor not effective     Quite effective     Very effective     Don't know

34. Do you have any suggestions for addressing youth crime or improving the youth justice system?

Justice reinvestment, spending dollars on prevention, funding youth organisations

35. What sort of activities would you like to see young offenders undertaking on community service orders?

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36. Any other suggestions or comments?

17 year olds should be in the juvenile justice system