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COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

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Thoughts of dealing with regional crime.

Thank you for your time. My name is Logan Smith I have grown up in the Moree community for the greater part of my life, I have seen some wonderful moments and some very disturbing moments with our community.

Like many locals I feel I am invested in the community and we as a group have voted our leaders in to make decisions for the community's best interest. (Not corporate business).

I am sick of the lack of community consultation and the waste of money, thrown at very poorly planned initiatives.

The country is imploding in youth crime, and I would like to see Magistrates held accountable for their poor decisions that result in the public being hurt or victimised after a youth has been to court and let out on bail or let off.

We have a degrading population in Moree and we are the gate way to the west, I would like to see a conversation of a youth detention Centre established in Moree.

we are just over a population of 7000 which is half of what it was in 1988.

Over the time we have seen the local catholic school go from being a primary school to being a part high school providing classes to year 10 students. The local Lutheran school is doing the same.

We also have the 2 public high schools with teachers spread over the two schools.

Is it all possible that as a small population we could go back to one high school and use the Courallie High school as a detention centre.

It provides a solid structure a well fenced perimeter and the ability of a learning centre for detain youth.

Obviously, modifications to fencing, surveillance and room structures would need to be made.

This would allow time for a study to be done on the youth problems that would be able to be detained, kept safe and allow the community its safety back and its possessions safe.

I strongly recommend that magistrates be held accountable for their decisions because as you are aware doctors, nurses, policeman and trades people are all held accountable for their decisions whilst at work.

Let's make a safer environment for all people in our community by giving police back the integrity of being backed by the courts and the community the safe society we expect.

regards

Logan Smith