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## **COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES**

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I seen this great initiative in far North Queensland/ Torres straight island where they are having juvenile offenders meet their victims and make them apologise face to face. I think this would go a long way in making the accountable for their behaviour.

I also believe that these children who are coming from broken homes and no one cares were they are at all hours of night need to stop. If they can't take care of these delinquents then they should be placed somewhere where they can be held accountable and made sure they are not roaming the streets and stealing peoples cars.

I had 2 cars stolen last year and the perpetrators got away with a trespassing conviction. We had to replace 2 cars, change locks and lose nights of sleep with scared children.

The punishment does not fit the crime and they do not have any consequences for their behaviour. Nothing is being done.

I was told by an officer when they came out that they know who they are and there is nothing they can do. They do checks to see if these kids are at home before curfew and the parents just say yes and won't allow them to sight the child on parole and yet there is nothing they can do. This is not ok. They should be made to report and be sighted before the police can leave. Or put them in a group home where someone will care and make sure they are home in bed.

We should it have to lie awake and jump at every sound.