

Dareton
NSW 2717

Dear Sir,

I am an 81 yr old widow, a resident of Dareton for 61 years, and extremely concerned at the amount of crime that is continuing to occur in our community, and of which too much is the result of Juveniles wandering the town instead of attending school.

I was very pleased to hear of the review of the Juvenile Justice System.

My house was broken into last year by four young offenders who could not be charged through lack of evidence, but over \$4,000 worth of jewellery & money & items were stolen, but the terrible feeling I received on entering my home to find every drawer and cupboard emptied of contents and strewn around, still haunts me.

Of twenty-two homes in my street, nine of them have been broken into up to thirteen times.

There are many aged widows and retirees in our district, who are very uneasy each time we leave our homes unattended, which is not a pleasant way to enjoy our senior years.

Insurance may cover our losses, but not the hurt in losing much loved keepsakes.

Solutions

Parents of offending juveniles must be made accountable for the lack of supervision of their children, and published for their non-attendance at school.

If prison is unsuitable for the young they should be made to do road and town clean up or other suitable manual jobs supervised perhaps by council workers.

The Police are doing their best, but too much red tape and paper work, works against them.

I feel the Magistrates are much too lenient.

Hoping something can be done, before a grand exodus from our lovely town.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs. F.M. Harding