

Dareton
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I am a resident of Dareton NSW and am extremely concerned about what is continuing to happen in our community in relation to crime, some petty some serious.

Firstly, may I say thank you for your review of juvenile justice.

I am an 88 year old widow living alone about three kilometres out of the town. I was broken into in June 2010 and left feeling unsafe in leaving the house wondering what I will find on my return.

I was at a friend's place and came home to find my locked back door with the lock busted off. Every draw and cupboard door was open in every room. Money had been taken a new camera and watch – packet cream biscuits and block of chocolate. I was covered by insurance tho had to pay \$300 up front, this doesn't replace what you valued. Believe the offenders were caught but know no details of who they were and doubt they had any penalties because they were juvenile.

Have many friends who have suffered the same home invasion. If nothing is done to curb these offences I continue to feel vulnerable that it will happen again. It is ruining our little town because retirees are moving away to avoid it happening to them. Enough is enough the law must be changed so that we can feel safe in our homes. I look forward to the new legislation.

Yours,

Verna Farnsworth