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My name is Paul White and this is my preliminary submission:-

My main concern is WHY does our legal system keeps on looking for what I call 'bandaid' solutions instead of PREVENTIONS?? Why does much of the discussion appear to be more around sentencing instead of prevention?

For example, recently the Qld Premier pledged to build 2 new Juvenile Detention Facilities. What affects are caused by gaoling our youths? Doesn't it cause a revolving door effect whereby how many become hardened criminals only to reoffend again and again when released?

Have figures been released on how much does it cost to imprison a juvenile? I saw a figure of \$600,00 per youth, is that correct??

With this huge amount of money, wouldn't it produce a more positive outcome if it was spent on say:-

1. Reintroducing National Service - doesn't this make a lot more sense particularly now in this uncertain world. Imagine some of the advantages:-

- * give kids a chance who can't get a job or don't want a career. They could learn a trade and get paid for it, therefore saving the Government not having to 'doling out the dole'

- * teach them self worth and responsibility

- * hopefully we won't have another war, but if it happens these young people will be prepared to fight for their country

2. Have a budget for disciplinary Boot Camps for wayward kids. Here again doesn't this make sense to 'bite the problems in the bud' before they (the problems) escalate.

3. More education in schools:-

- # have more victim families talk in schools like Bruce & Denise Morecombe (haven't they been effective?). They can only do so much and think it's only in Qld?

- # maybe show docos or results of outcomes from shot/knifed victims

- # show the so called 'revolving doors' of particularly young perpetrators who are repeat offenders

- # show the impacts these murders have on the victim's families (also the offender's families)

- # also show the impacts they have on Unsolved murder victim's families

One last Q. - say if a murder was committed on a PM or even a Premier's family, do you think there would be a different reaction from the

Governments of this country??

I think I'm in a position to make comments in Sentencing Laws, as I have a personal vested interest. My beautiful wife Lyn White was murdered in our home in Coogee way back in June 1973, 50yrs this year. And still to this day it is still Unsolved.