

**From:** Allan McNeil  
**Sent:** Friday, 10 June 2022 4:38 PM  
**To:** Craig Thomson; Jordi Crick  
**Subject:** Fwd: MEDIA STATEMENT: Our fight for justice

Craig, yesterday the Mayor mentioned she was launching a petition regarding the sentence given to the driver responsible for the accident that claimed the lives of Kate Leadbetter and Matt Field last year. Please see below a media release and photos regarding this petition, let me know if you need anything else.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Robert Morrison <Robert.Morrison@opposition.qld.gov.au>  
**Date:** 10 June 2022 at 4:31:32 pm AEST  
**To:** Allan McNeil <Allan.McNeil@redland.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: MEDIA STATEMENT: Our fight for justice

Our fight for justice The L...



**David Crisafulli MP**

Leader of the Opposition  
Shadow Minister for Tourism  
Shadow Minister for Olympics and Paralympics

**MEDIA STATEMENT**

## **Our fight for justice**

The LNP has backed a petition calling for an appeal to a manifestly inadequate sentence handed down to a juvenile offender who killed a young couple and their unborn baby in the Redlands last year.

The petition also calls for changes to the Youth Justice Act to curb the growing youth crime crisis and to legislate breach of bail as an offence to prevent the horrific trauma happening to any other Queensland families.

Matthew Field, Kate Leadbetter and their unborn son Miles were innocently walking their dogs on Australia Day last year when they were hit by an out-of-control stolen car, driven by a teenager who was drunk, high and out on bail.

He will only spend six years of a 10-year sentence behind bars. He will be free at the age of 23. Leader of the Opposition David Crisafulli today joined Redland City Council Mayor Karen Williams and the parents of Matthew Field, Russell and Ann, who launched the petition at the crash site. Mr Crisafulli said the LNP joined the Mayor and the families to fight for change.

"We must appeal this sentence and we must change the Youth Justice Act which is letting down Queenslanders across our state," he said.

"Russell and Ann have gone through what no parents should ever have to.

"This tragedy rocked the families, it tore apart the community and it showed us all in Queensland that we have to do more to get on top of youth crime."

Mayor Karen Williams said there was a groundswell of support in the Redlands community for change.

"Community outrage can now be turned into community outcome," she said.

"The one thing we can do as a community is to make a difference.

"Community outrage changed gun laws in this country, community outrage put coercive control on the agenda, and today I ask our communities to make sure this law is changed in the name of Kate, Matthew and Miles."

Local MP Mark Robinson called on all members of the Redlands community to sign the petition.

"This tragedy sent shockwaves through our community last year," he said.

“We now need to get behind this petition in the name of change and in the memory of Matt, Kate and Miles whose lives were so tragically taken last year.”

Mr Crisafulli said the youth justice system in Queensland was broken and again called for breach of bail to be legislated as an offence.

“We must have laws in this state that are fit for purpose, we must have a Youth Justice Act that enables young offenders to turn their lives around and we must also impose sentences that protect our community.

“We must stand for change.”

**-ENDS-**

**Sign the petition here:** [Link](#)

**Media note:** [Link](#) to news conference with Leader of the Opposition David Crisafulli, Redland City Council Mayor Karen Williams and Russell and Ann, the parents of Matthew Field.

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**From:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**To:** ["petitions@parliament.qld.gov.au"](mailto:petitions@parliament.qld.gov.au)  
**Cc:** [Tina Marshall](#); [Mayor Karen Williams](#)  
**Subject:** Petition from Redland City Mayor Karen Williams  
**Date:** Thursday, 9 June 2022 5:30:44 PM  
**Attachments:** [2022-06-09\\_17-22-57-814.pdf](#)  
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To: Office of the Clerk of the Parliament.  
Please find attached an e-petition request form from Redland City Mayor Karen Williams.  
Best regards,

**Allan McNeil**

**Executive Officer**

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## If sponsored by a Member of Parliament, please provide the Member of Parliament's details\*:

(to be completed by Principal Petitioner)

Name

Address

Postcode

## Principal Petitioner's details: (to be completed by Principal Petitioner)

**Note:** The name and address of the Principal Petitioner will be published on the web site in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Queensland Parliament.

Name Mayor Karen Williams

Address PO Box 21, Cleveland

Postcode

4163

Telephone (office hours) 3829 8623

Email

mayor@redland.qld.gov.au

## Proposed e-petition details: (to be completed by Principal Petitioner)

Subject Appeal Against Manifestly Inadequate Sentence

Eligibility Category (circle appropriate category below) Queensland Residents

Queensland Citizens / Queensland Residents / Electors of

(state division)

draws to the attention of the House (state the text of grievance):

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Number of words 104

Closing date 5 July 2022

(word limit of 250 in total for grievance and action required)

(posting period minimum 1 week/maximum 6 months from date of posting)

Signature

*K Williams*

Date:

9/6/2022

**Note:** The Clerk's office will contact you to advise of the outcome of your request.



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Electorate \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to sponsor the petition overleaf \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## If sponsored by the Clerk of the Parliament\*:

(to be completed by the Clerk of the Parliament)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**To:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**Subject:** Petition  
**Date:** Thursday, 9 June 2022 3:52:47 PM  
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**From:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**To:** [Mayor Karen Williams](#)  
**Subject:** Draft media release  
**Date:** Thursday, 9 June 2022 8:58:00 PM

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Quotes from Russell, Ann....

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**From:** [Tina Marshall](#)  
**To:** [Mayor Karen Williams](#)  
**Cc:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**Subject:** MM for approval: letter to local MP's re Parly petition  
**Date:** Thursday, 9 June 2022 4:29:47 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.gif](#)  
[image002.gif](#)  
[20220610 to local Elected Representatives re Parliamentary Petition Matt....pdf](#)

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MM for your approval. Allan – PDF attached if approved – I can make any changes needed tomorrow.

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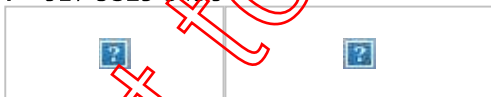
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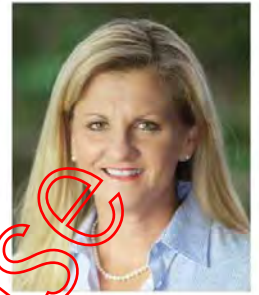
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**Redland City Council**

**From:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**To:** [Tina Marshall](#)  
**Subject:** Letter  
**Date:** Thursday, 9 June 2022 4:00:00 PM  
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**From:** [Mayor Karen Williams](#)  
**To:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Draft media release  
**Date:** Thursday, 9 June 2022 9:36:23 PM

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Should we refer to where people can sign petition?

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On 9 Jun 2022, at 8:58 pm, Allan McNeil  
<Allan.McNeil@redland.qld.gov.au> wrote:

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**From:** [Janelle Arcon](#)  
**To:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: E Petition in support of the families of Matthew, Kate and Miles.  
**Date:** Friday, 10 June 2022 3:14:56 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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Thanks Allan, we have started to receive a couple.

Great timing

Kind regards

**Janelle Arcon**

**ICCC Digital Services Team Leader**

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**From:** Allan McNeil

**Sent:** Friday, 10 June 2022 3:09 PM

**To:** ICCC Communications <[ICCCcommunications@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:ICCCcommunications@redland.qld.gov.au)>

**Subject:** FW: E Petition in support of the families of Matthew, Kate and Miles.

Hi all see below should you receive any calls or inquiries.

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**From:** Mayor Karen Williams

**Sent:** Friday, 10 June 2022 3:08 PM

**To:** Councillors <[Councillors@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:Councillors@redland.qld.gov.au)>

**Subject:** E Petition in support of the families of Matthew, Kate and Miles.

Councillors,

As you know on Australia Day last year a tragic accident took the lives of Kate Leadbetter, Matt Field and their unborn son Miles at the corner of Finucane and Allenby Roads.

This week the driver the vehicle that took their lives was sentenced in court, receiving sentence that includes the potential for parole after just six years. During sentencing the Court heard that the driver had a long list of previous altercations with the law and was on parole at the time of the accident.

I have been contacted by a number of people who feel the sentence handed down is manifestly inadequate and calling for the sentence be appealed and for changes to be made to legislation to prevent this sort of accident in the future.

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Regards

Karen Williams

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**Subject:** RE: Letter  
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**From:** Tina Marshall  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 June 2022 4:01 PM  
**To:** Allan McNeil <[Allan.McNeil@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:Allan.McNeil@redland.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Letter

Yep – has Mayor approved it ready to go ?

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**From:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**To:** [Mayor Karen Williams](#)  
**Subject:** Talking points for tomorrow  
**Date:** Thursday, 9 June 2022 8:30:00 PM

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## KEY GRABS:

- We were all shocked when Matt, Kate and Miles lost their lives. But that shock turned to anger this week when we learnt of the grossly inadequate sentence given to their killer.
- Yesterday I lodged a petition with the Clerk of Parliament calling on the State Government to immediately appeal the sentence and to change the legislation so another family doesn't have to go through what Russell and Ann have been through.
- Last night I kissed my grandkids goodnight... The driver of that car robbed Russell and Ann of being able to do that and there needs to be consequences.
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- As Mayor I hear and see the pain in my community and I can't stand by and do nothing; now is the time for leadership, now is the time for action.

## BACKGROUND:

- Matthew Field and his pregnant partner Kate Leadbetter were killed along with their unborn son Miles when a 17 year old ran a red light in a stolen car on 26 January 2021, clipping a truck causing the stolen car to roll, striking the couple as they walked their dog.
- The 17 year old driver was drunk and under the influence of drugs at the time.
- The driver was this week sentenced to 10 years in prison, but he will be released after he has served six years behind bars. His release date could fall on the sixth anniversary of the horror incident.
- The Attorney General has 30 days to lodge an appeal.
- Immediately following the accident the community rallied, including searching for the dog Frankie.

**From:** [Mayor Karen Williams](#)  
**To:** [Councillors](#)  
**Bcc:** [Executive Leadership Team](#); [Allan McNeil](#)  
**Subject:** E Petition in support of the families of Matthew, Kate and Miles.  
**Date:** Friday, 10 June 2022 3:07:51 PM

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**To:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Updated DB Letter - for your review.  
**Date:** Friday, 10 June 2022 1:26:53 PM  
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On 10 Jun 2022, at 12:40 pm, Allan McNeil <Allan.McNeil@redland.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Looks good to me

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**From:** Tina Marshall  
**Sent:** Friday, 10 June 2022 12:39 PM  
**To:** Allan McNeil <Allan.McNeil@redland.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Updated DB Letter - for your review

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**Subject:** Happy for this letter to go now ?  
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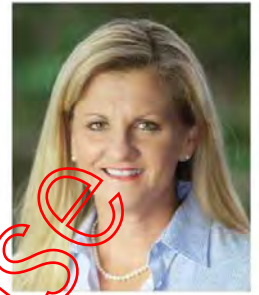


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**Cc:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**Subject:** MM for approval: letter to local MP's re Parly petition  
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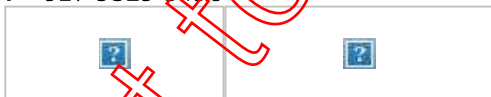
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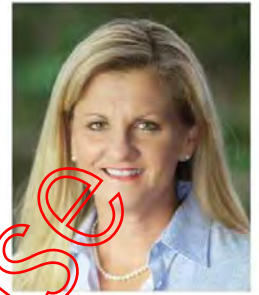
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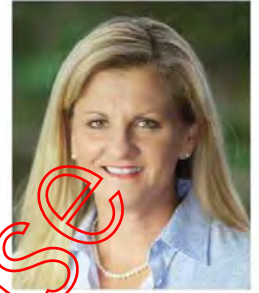
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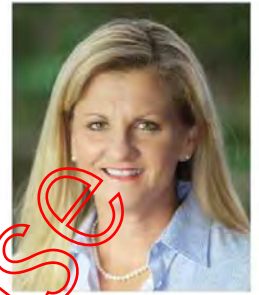
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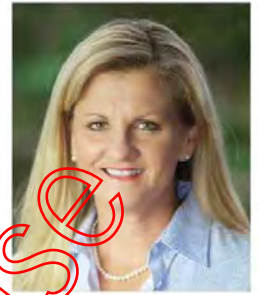
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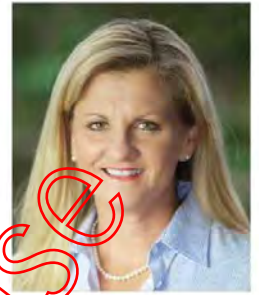
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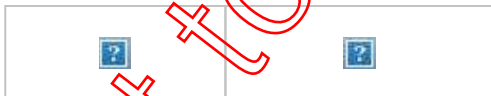
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**Subject:** E Petition in support of the families of Matthew, Kate and Miles.  
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I share the anger and concerns of many on our Redlands Coast that the sentence imposed on the juvenile responsible for the deaths of Matthew, Kate and their unborn baby Miles is manifestly inadequate – it just doesn't meet the family's or our community's expectations. I stood with Russell and Ann today, Matthew's parents, to call for the sentence to be appealed and for laws to be changed to curb juvenile crime in our community. Enough is enough. Sign the petition here:

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**Subject:** FW: E Petition in support of the families of Matthew, Kate and Miles.  
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Hi all see below should you receive any calls or inquiries.

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**Sent:** Friday, 10 June 2022 3:08 PM  
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Regards

Karen Williams

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**To:** [June-Mary Davis](#); [Felicity Murphy](#); [Tina Marshall](#); [Kristen Banks](#)  
**Subject:** FW: E Petition in support of the families of Matthew, Kate and Miles.  
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**From:** [Tina Marshall](#)  
**To:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**Subject:** Paper petition  
**Date:** Friday, 10 June 2022 1:15:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.gif](#)  
[image002.gif](#)

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Hey

Provided you used the paper form template, and put the wording in the relevant places on it, then it should be good to go. Every page must have the wording and details on it, not just lines for signature. And for lodgement, the sponsoring MP or the Clerk must sign the first page and write the number of signatures on it. It must be given to the Clerk at least 2 hours before the sitting of the House that it will be presented at.

Next sitting is Budget sittings 21-24 June – a check of the Hansard from last year’s Budget sitting – I see that petitions were presented – interestingly the first one on the list last Budget sitting day was about breach of bail !

- The correct form of the petition (including the name, address and, in the case of an e-petition, the email address of the principal petitioner) must appear on each page of the petition to be presented to the House.

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**From:** [Tina Marshall](#)  
**To:** [Mayor Karen Williams](#); [Allan McNeil](#)  
**Subject:** Petition is live  
**Date:** Friday, 10 June 2022 10:12:55 AM  
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**To:** [Tina Marshall](#)  
**Subject:** RE: E Petition in support of the families of Matthew, Kate and Miles.  
**Date:** Friday, 10 June 2022 3:11:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.gif](#)  
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I have done thanks

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**From:** Tina Marshall  
**Sent:** Friday, 10 June 2022 3:10 PM  
**To:** Allan McNeil <[Allan.McNeil@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:Allan.McNeil@redland.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: E Petition in support of the families of Matthew, Kate and Miles.  
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**To:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: E Petition in support of the families of Matthew, Kate and Miles.  
**Date:** Friday, 10 June 2022 3:09:36 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.gif](#)  
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**Subject:** FW: E Petition in support of the families of Matthew, Kate and Miles.

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**From:** [Tina Marshall](#)  
**To:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Letter  
**Date:** Thursday, 9 June 2022 4:01:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.gif](#)  
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[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

Yep – has Mayor approved it ready to go ?

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**Sent:** Thursday, 9 June 2022 4:01 PM

**To:** Tina Marshall <[Tina.Marshall@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:Tina.Marshall@redland.qld.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Letter

Hey can you please template the below to go to all local MPs?

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**From:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**To:** [Tina Marshall](#); [Mayor Karen Williams](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MM for approval: letter to local MP's re Parly petition  
**Date:** Friday, 10 June 2022 9:09:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.gif](#)  
[image002.gif](#)

Thanks Tina, we will need to add the link to the petition, which will be live form about 10am this morning.

**From:** Tina Marshall  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 June 2022 4:30 PM  
**To:** Mayor Karen Williams <Karen.Williams@redland.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Allan McNeil <Allan.McNeil@redland.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** MM for approval: letter to local MP's re Parly petition  
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**To:** [Allan McNeil](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Updated DB Letter - for your review.  
**Date:** Friday, 10 June 2022 1:26:53 PM  
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Approved

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On 10 Jun 2022, at 12:40 pm, Allan McNeil <[Allan.McNeil@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:Allan.McNeil@redland.qld.gov.au)> wrote:

[Looks good to me](#)

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**From:** Tina Marshall  
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4:03 5G  
Macca >



Yes I think we can just run with parliament Epetition. Might need to amend the hard copy (there are some requirements to have it accepted) but that isn't urgent.

Petition will be live by 10am

Ok.

Fri Jun, 11:11 am

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Get him to sign the petition

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12:02

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2 People

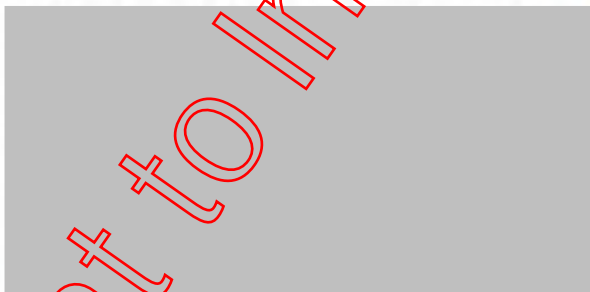
Macca

Agree re Tina's relationship and support of the Fields, but I can't take any credit for today. I actually feel embarrassed I didn't think of a party petition, it was never on my radar, lucky you and DC had it covered. Petition now over 16k. I'm just pushing out some FB tonight and then we can set up hard copies in local cafes etc next week.



Sat, 11 Jun, 9:14 am

Macca



Sat, 11 Jun, 11:25 am

Macca



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2 People >

Tina Langford

Matt Field's parents have revealed for the first time the final conversation with their son Matt before he, his partner Kate Leadbetter and their unborn son Miles were killed by a drunk, drug-addled teen in a stolen car. Now they are fighting to keep a "monster off the streets". Read more: <https://bit.ly/3HpQNeK>



4 views

We sharing this - with another call to sign the petition ?

TL

Yes please

It would have been good for Gleeson to print a link to the petition?

Macca



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2 People >

Tina Langford



Something like this ??

More than 40,000 people are already standing with me and the families of Matthew Field, Kate Leadbetter and their unborn baby Miles who's lives were tragically taken last Australia Day at Alexandra Hills. Show your support ... please sign my petition calling for the grossly inadequate sentence given to the person responsible to be appealed and for changes to laws to curb juvenile crime in our community. Sign the petition here

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Macca



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Macca



I have left a message for Scott. I also just sent you a draft email to councillors re the petition

available  
Mark Robinson

update

iMessage  
Today 3:19 pm

Good petition.



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12:07

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Macca >



Ok. Good thing we organised Julie. Just spoke with David and Jarrod and e petition will be live this morning.



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Petition will be live by 10am

OK



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Macca >



I have asked David C to check when petition will be up and running and asked whether we should also run [change.org](https://www.change.org) petition?

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Macca >



Can we draft letters to our state and federal members to join me in petitioning for legislative change to ensure this never occurs again? We can send it out first thing tomorrow?



Thu, 9 Jun, 8:19 pm



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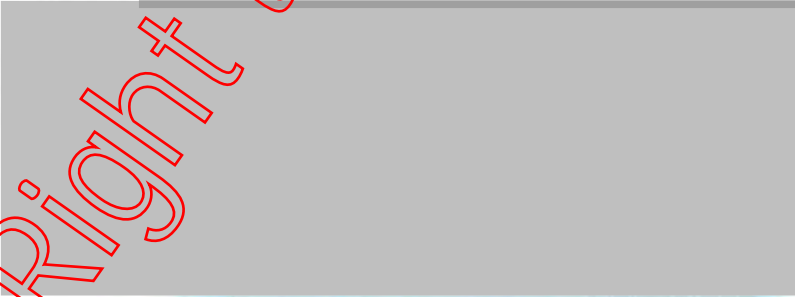
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David >



Let me know when you have words for petition and I will get it prepared.  
Thanks David.



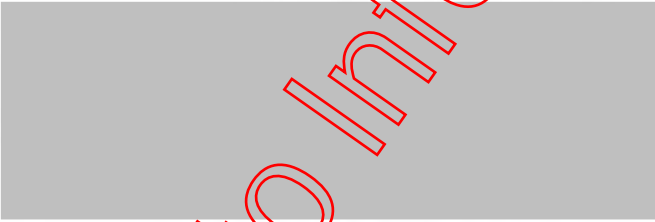
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We will pressure government to change legislation based on this. I will have a petition ready to go tomorrow morning. Take care.  
K



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**Don Brown MP**  
MEMBER FOR CAPALABA

**DON DELIVERS**

9 June 2022

The Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP  
Premier of Queensland  
Minister for the Olympics  
Via email: [apalasz@palaszczuk.org.au](mailto:apalasz@palaszczuk.org.au)

The Hon Shannon Fentiman MP  
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice  
Minister for Women  
Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence  
Via email: [shannon.fentiman@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:shannon.fentiman@justice.qld.gov.au)

Dear Premier and Attorney-General

I write to you both regarding the tragic incident that occurred in Alexandra Hills on Australia Day in 2021. The shocking and senseless deaths of Matt, Kate and their unborn son, Miles forever changed the lives of their families, friends and all who know and loved them. The events of that day had devastating and far-reaching effects and rocked the community I represent to its core.

In my opinion, and that of the community I represent, yesterday's sentencing by the Court for the offender was grossly insufficient and not at all in line with community expectation. In delivering the sentence, the Justice classified the crime of manslaughter as a "heinous offence". There is a potential of a maximum penalty of life imprisonment for such an offence.

It is my duty as an elected representative to stand up and fight for my community in times of tragedy. I did this in the initial aftermath, by working with fellow Government members to introduce sweeping changes to youth justice laws, and I acknowledge and thank you both for your roles in implementing these reforms.

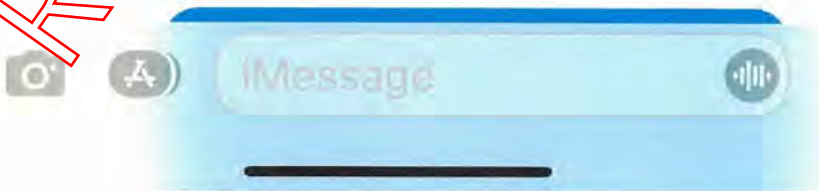
I now ask you to appeal this, in my view, grossly inadequate sentence on behalf of my community I represent and all those who knew and loved Matt, Kate and Miles. Our community expects nothing less than justice for them.

Yours sincerely

**Don Brown MP**  
Member for Capalaba  
Chief Government Whip

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Karen  
FYI



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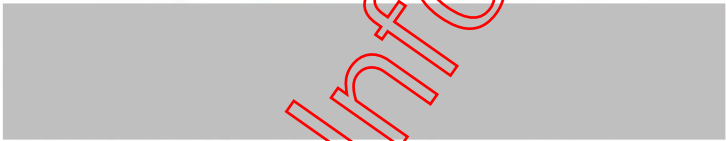
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David >



Also wondering if we should launch a [change.org](https://change.org) petition as I am not sure how quickly the Clerk will up load the petition? You probably understand the process better than I.  
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David >



I'm up in 5. We will launch petition hard tomorrow.

Thu, 9 Jun, 5:48 pm

[Redacted]  
[Redacted] Petition has been sent to the Clerk of Parliament. I will just find a time and place for a chat with the family before 10:45am and let u know. What time can you be available from for pre-chat. K

[Redacted]

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The petition will be live by 10



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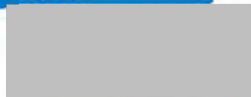
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Today 3:19 pm

Good petition.



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**New name and photo available**

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Mark Robinson

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The petition you launched today could very well be your greatest legacy. Well done...that was a hard stand up in front of cameras.



Thanks [redacted] I honestly hope so. I actually got Don Brown to sign the petition so it probably has the best chance of driving change that we have. I appreciate your kind words and yes it was hard but nothing compared to what Russ and Ann have to endure.  
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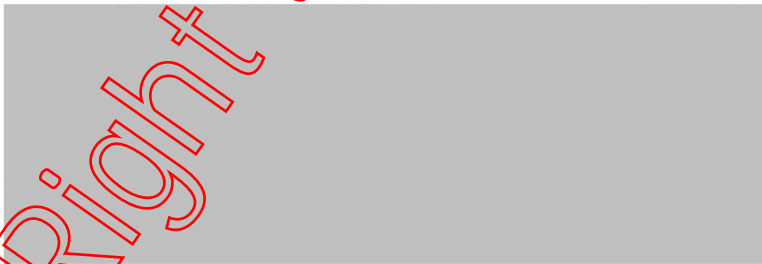
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I am sure he would share the link to the petition



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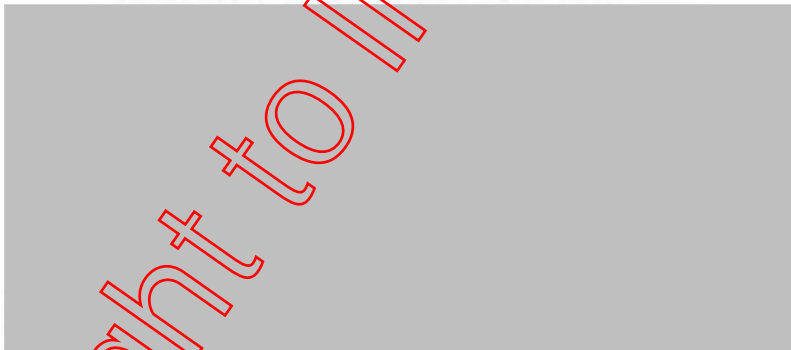
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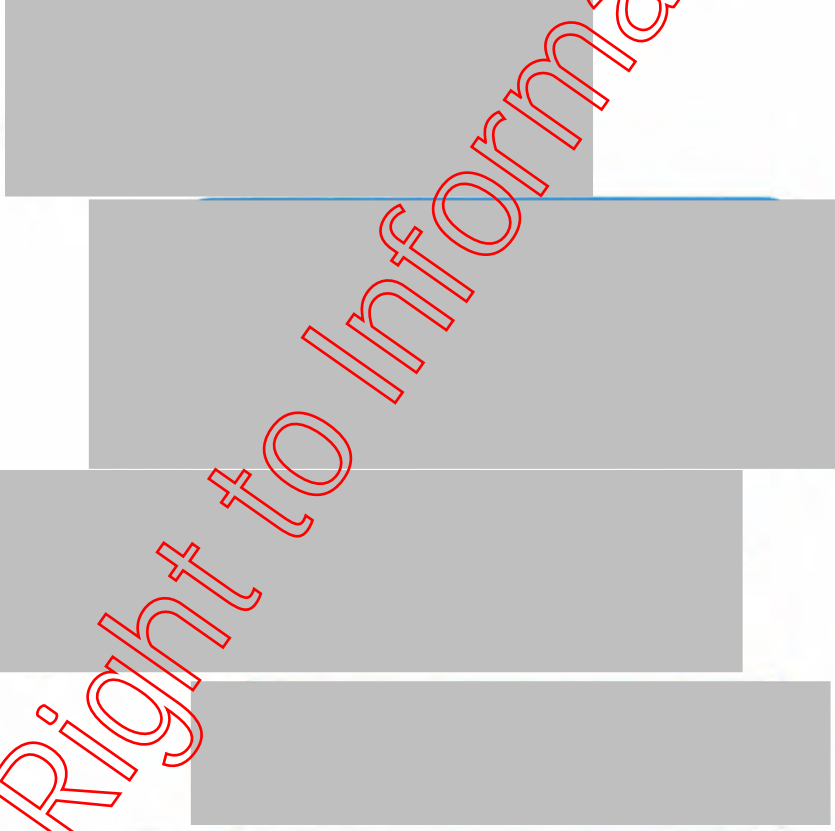
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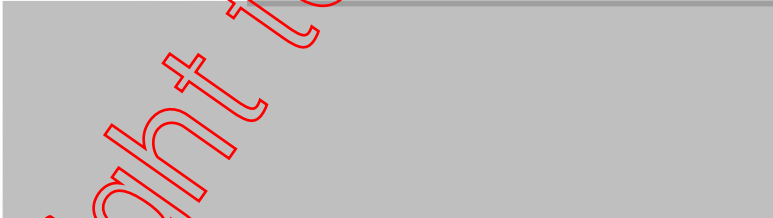
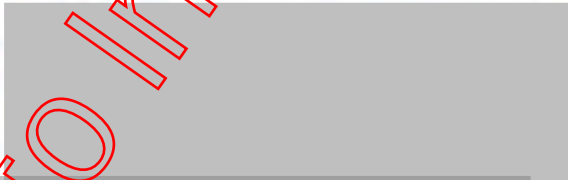
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Tina Langford

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Something like this ??

More than 40,000 people are already standing with me and the families of Matthew Field, Kate Leadbetter and their unborn baby Miles who's lives were tragically taken last Australia Day at Alexandra Hills. Show your support ... please sign my petition calling for the grossly inadequate sentence given to the person responsible to be appealed and for changes to laws to curb juvenile crime in our community. Sign the petition here

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Tina Langford

Matt Field's parents have revealed for the first time the final conversation with their son Matt before he, his partner Kate Leadbetter and their unborn son Miles were killed by a drunk, drug-addled teen in a stolen car. Now they are fighting to keep a "monster off the streets". Read more: <https://bit.ly/3HpQNeK>



4 views

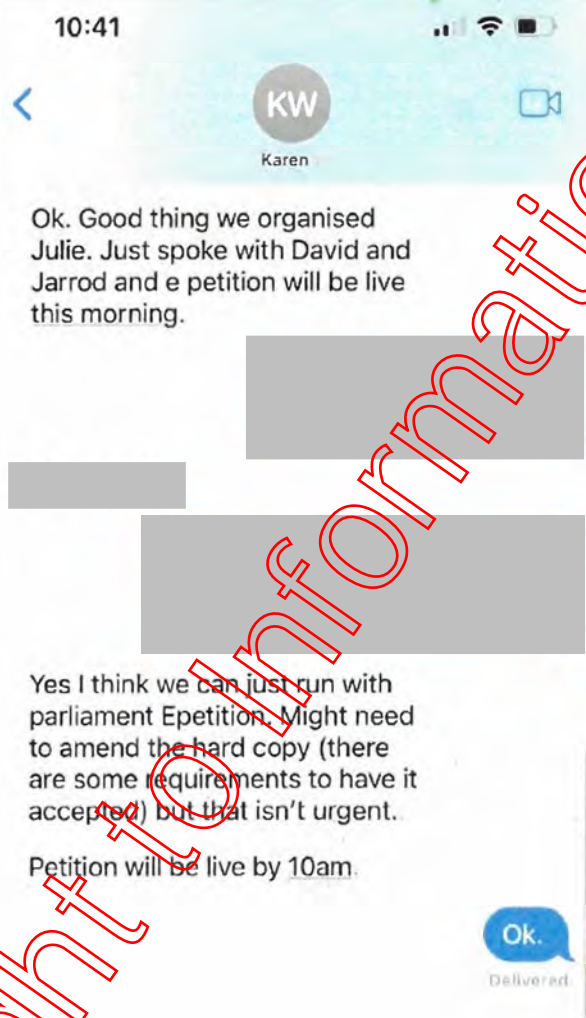
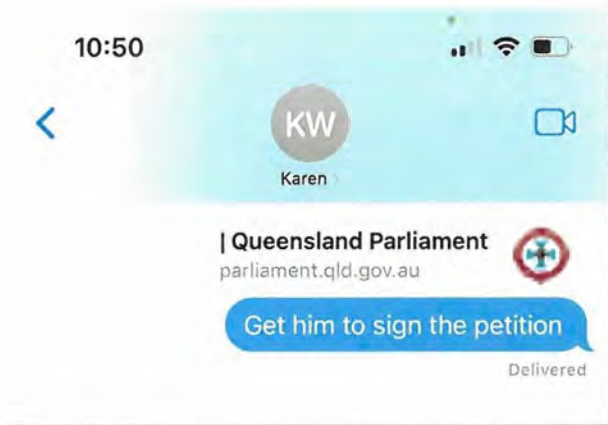
We sharing this -with another call to sign the petition ?

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Yes please

It would have been good for Gleeson to print a link to the petition?

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Karen

I have asked David C to check when petition will be up and running and asked whether we should also run [change.org](https://www.change.org) petition?



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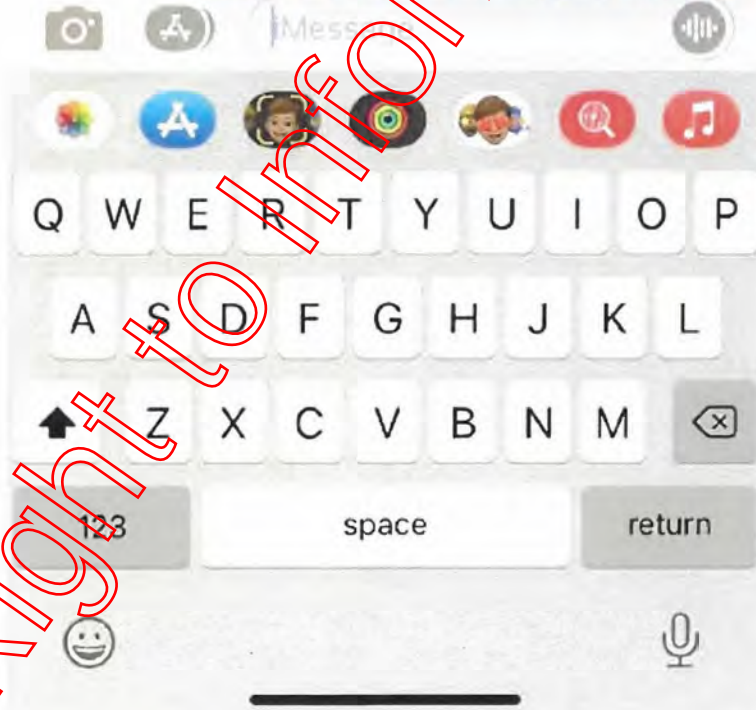
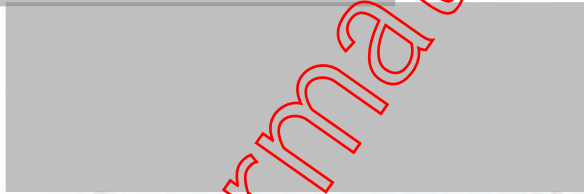


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Karen

Can we draft letters to our state and federal members to join me in petitioning for legislative change to ensure this never occurs again? We can send it out first thing tomorrow?



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