

**Hon Jacinta Allan MP – Premier of Victoria**

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## **ADULT TIME FOR VIOLENT CRIME IS NOW IN EFFECT**

Labor's Adult Time for Violent Crime is now in effect.

If you are 14 or older and you commit a home invasion today, you will be sentenced as an adult.

That means more violent youth offenders going to jail, facing serious consequences.

### How the law works

Under the law, children 14 and above committing serious violent crimes face adult sentences in adult courts.

Adult courts put more emphasis on community safety and victims, and sentencing outcomes show it.

Whenever child offenders are sentenced for a violent crime in an adult court, most go to jail.

The maximum length of a jail sentence that can be imposed in the Children's Court is 3 years – for any offence.

But the County Court can impose a jail sentence of up to 25 years for aggravated home invasion and carjacking.

### **Quotes attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan**

*"Under Adult Time for Violent Crime, the chance of jail is stronger, and sentences are longer."*

*"There are no easy solutions to youth crime, and the best approach is always to stop crime before it starts."*

*"But we absolutely need serious consequences for violent youth crime to protect the community now."*