Community Support and Services Committee

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Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)
Amendment Bill 2021

Dear

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Yours sincerely,

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Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

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Sent: Thursday, 30 September 2021 3:47 PM

To: Currumbin Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Laura Gerber MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

I have a 10 year old grand daughter who I know well and I know she still needs guidance when making decisions and help in showing empathy for others.

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From: Tonia Walker <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 30 September 2021 3:48 PM

To: Glass House Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Andrew Powell MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons. This practice is abhorrent.

Think back what you were like at 10 years of age, what you were doing. We were children, young kids, not even finished junior school.

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To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Berkman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons by raising the age of criminal responsibility.

When I was ten years old I loved playing soccer, hated school and didn't understand what the 'age of criminal responsibility' was. I don't think most of the kids who are locked up do either.

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Sent: Thursday, 30 September 2021 4:19 PM

To: Burleigh Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

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Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Hart MP,

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From: Grant Shatford <campaigns@good.do> **Sent:** Thursday, 30 September 2021 5:06 PM

To: Mudgeeraba Electorate Office

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Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Rosslyn Bates MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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We've watched documentaries highlighting the very negative, ,long-term (some even life-long) impact of incarceration on teenagers and to continue this archaic practise is akin to the mediaeval (and arbitrary) cutting off of hands by the Taliban for minor infringements.

Imprisonment of people younger than 14 is not in alignment with the UN charter to which Australia is a signatory and should never be carried out in a vibrant and respectful democracy.

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From: Beth Charleston <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 30 September 2021 5:51 PM

To: Lytton Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office **Subject:** LetsRaise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of

Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Joan Pease MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I look at my grandchildren, and know that the age must be raised. It is unconscionable that children that in this day and age, this is still not addressed.

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

INSERT YOUR PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE HERE - WHAT WERE YOU, OR A FAMILY MEMBER, LIKE AT 10?

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Yours sincerely, Beth Charleston

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From: Michael Niemira-Dowjat <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Thursday, 30 September 2021 6:06 PM

To: Yvette D'Ath

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

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Dear Yvette D'Ath MP,

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Yours sincerely, Michael Niemira-Dowjat

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 From: Francia Rodriguez <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 30 September 2021 6:08 PM

To: Leanne Linard

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Leanne Linard MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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From: Holstein Wong <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 30 September 2021 6:18 PM

To: McConnel Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raising the Age of Responsibility: Submission on the Criminal Law Amendment Bill

2021

Dear Grace Grace MP,

Thankyou for representing our area of New Farm.

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for supporting 10-13 year old children in the criminal justice system in Queensland.

When I was 10, I was in Year 4 and enjoying a busy but fun childhood with lots of extra-curricular activities like swimming, tennis and ballet.

10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences (shown by peer-reviewed medical studies), so criminalising them like adults in our current justice system gravely concerns me.

In fact, early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending (shown by peer-reviewed studies).

In 2019, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child recommended states adopt a minimum age of criminal responsibility no lower than 14, and I think Queensland sould adopt this as soon as possible.

The Meeting of State and Territory Attorneys-General was tasked with considering raising the age, but unfortunately they couldn't reach consensus, and it was concerning that in 2020 the issue was removed from the agenda for future MAG meetings.

As a New Farm resident, I'm concerned that Queensland is now breaching our human rights obligations. We have the most children aged 10-13 years old in prison of any State or Territory, and by far the greatest proportion of First Nations kids in prison in Australia (at 72% of all kids in prison). As my representative, I urge you to use your power to act on behalf of these children.

I urge you to support the passage of the Raising the Age of Responsibility Bill, alongside an alternative model to prevent and address problematic behaviour by 10-13 year old children outside of the criminal legal system. These kids are young enough to still be losing baby teeth, haven't even started high school, and have their whole lives ahead of them. They need care and support, not a prison cell.

I would be happy to talk further about this, or review further resources that you may have on this issue. Thanks!

Yours sincerely, Holstein Wong

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From: Kerry Lawrence <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 30 September 2021 6:19 PM

To: Cooper Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Jonty Bush MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

My grandson is now in Woodford prison following years of juvenile detention since the age of 13, due to crimes committed whilst under the influence of ICE. He is NOT a bad kid, but has a drug addiction, for which the government seems to have no answer but incarceration, instead of targeted addiction programs. It is heartbreaking for our whole family.

Medical evidence shows that 10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences, so criminalising them like adults doesn't work. In fact, early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending.... My grandson is just one example of this.

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From: Martin Egglesfield <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 30 September 2021 6:27 PM

To: Michael Brenni

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Brenni MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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At 10 years of age right and wrong for me where not well defined. Our family was not well off, but not struggling either, I wanted to get those small extras I sought. My shop lifting, near my primary school in the early 1960's for those little things my family couldn't easily afford Luckily my parents discovered my secrets and corrected my ways.

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From: Leanne Beikoff <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 30 September 2021 7:01 PM

To: Mark Bailey

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Mark Bailey MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

The evidence is clear, the earlier a child has contact with the youth justice system the more likely they are to have a life time trajectory of contact with the criminal justice system. There's early warning signs that are picked up in the education, health and child safety systems re which children have challenging behaviours and could benefit from early intervention. The current system does not achieve community safety - it has the opposite effect in the short, medium and long term. Our elected members have an obligation to follow the evidence - not play politics with children's lives, most of whom are First Nation children.

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Yours sincerely, Leanne Beikoff

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From: jillian watt <campaigns@good.do> **Sent:** Thursday, 30 September 2021 7:35 PM

To: Cairns Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Healy MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

Most children this age are developing confidence in learning ability and ibeginning to participate in conversations at home. As well as developing independence and spending more time with friends.

However they are not yet able to make conscious and responsible decisions about their lives and can easily be led astray.

In families that don't encourage participation, or schools that can't make provision for special needs, then some children will be more susceptible to irresponsible and impulsive behaviour

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Yours sincerely,	
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From: Suzette Markwell <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 30 September 2021 9:26 PM
To: Mermaid Beach Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment

Bill 2021

Dear Raymond Stevens MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I am writing to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my outrage and disgust that there are 10-13 year old children being placed in prison.

Medical evidence shows that 10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences, so criminalising them like adults doesn't work. Early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending.

I am ashamed that our Australian prison system ignores the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child which recommended states adopt a minimum age of criminal responsibility no lower than 14.

The Meeting of State and Territory Attorneys-General ("MAG") was tasked with considering raising the age, but they couldn't reach consensus and in 2020 the issue was removed from the agenda for future MAG meetings. Why?

I think it is so important to stop this criminalising of children.

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From: Emily Alexander <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Friday, 1 October 2021 7:30 AM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Berkman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

I am a mother of four children aged between 4 and 12. I recognize the great privilege my education and whiteness brings our children. We do not fear the police, if our skin colour was darker our perspective would be completely different. The age of criminal responsibility is used as a weapon to further marginalize vulnerable people.

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Yours sincerely, Emily Alexander

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From: Annie Hill <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 1 October 2021 7:34 AM
To: Clayfield Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Timothy Nicholls MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

Children should not be viable to enter the prison system. They are children, our future, and deserve the care and support of a compassionate system, which they may not receive from home.

What were you like at 10 years old? What were your kids like at 10? I was reading voraciously and climbing trees and boogie boarding in the park after heavy rains flooded it.

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Yours sincerely, Annie Hill

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From: Patricia Morrow <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Friday, 1 October 2021 7:42 AM

To: Annastacia Palaszczuk

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Annastacia Palaszczuk MP,

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 From: Steven McCormack <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Friday, 1 October 2021 11:49 AM **To:** South Brisbane Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Amy MacMahon MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

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MY PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

I have personally been working in the QLD youth sector for over 10yrs, working directly with children and families, inside kitchens, alternative schools, court rooms, detention centres, hospital EDs, support agencies, shelters and on the phone late at night. The factors associated with youth offending are various, but the 'reasons' for offending are more difficult to identify. While I support this Bill in parliament, I do hold concerns about what is needed to reduce offending.

When it is estimated that over 20% of children in care may be FASD babies (as compared to 3-5% in the general Australian population), and there's a high correlation between FASD and offenders, then the situation can be seen through a public health lens, that starts with the issues of alcohol consumption by women, and drugs used by men, both potential factors in FASD outcomes. Interestingly, FASD is observed across all classes and segments of society, regardless of race, socio-economics, and education levels.

Another fact I have always found astonishing is that by far, in the vast majority of cases, all youth with a history of offending, do not continue offending once they turn 18. I have come to see the patterns of repeat and at times serious offending, which I deal with directly each week I work, as a form of protest expressed by the children concerned - a way of shouting out about the qualities missing in their world, in particular the absence in their lives of people focused on their love, care and emotional needa as priorities.

I want to see more early intervention, and more resources attached to at-risk kids identified early in life via their safe, long -term attachment to youth workers, social workers, uncle and aunt type programs to ensure some of the gaps that may exist in a child's care environment at home. Nothing less will reduce the number of kids in the YJ or CP systems in QLD.

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Yours sincerely,
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From: Charlie Smith <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 1 October 2021 12:06 PM

To: Gregory Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Lachlan Millar MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Sent: Friday, 1 October 2021 12:30 PM

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Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Shane Knuth MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

How and how quickly we grow up has more to do with how we are brought up, not what genes we have - especially for the first few years of our lives.

On top of that, medical evidence shows that 10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences, so criminalising them like adults doesn't work. In fact, early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending.

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From: Georgia Lee <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 1 October 2021 2:54 PM

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To: Cooper Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Jonty Bush MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Yours sincerely, Georgia Lee

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From: Matisse Coyle <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 1 October 2021 3:51 PM
To: Greenslopes Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Joseph Kelly MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

With all that has been happening with the activism around indigenous rights. I believe it is imperative that the Australian government actually do something and get children, including the large portion of indigenous children out of prisons. It is appalling and quite clearly not the answer to this problem of youth behaviour.

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From: Tania Aveling <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 1 October 2021 7:42 PM

To: Cooper Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Jonty Bush MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I have some thoughts on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021 and its possible benefits for children and the wider community.

We have a gorgeous twelve-year-old son with ADHD, type 1 diabetes and anxiety. His experiences in school have been so difficult that we're about to enrol him in Distance Education. But Will isn't a bad kid. He loves animals; he's gentle with our neighbour's toddlers, and he runs to help his grandma get groceries out of her car. Unfortunately, he's volatile and easily angered. But he's always remorseful after a meltdown, and he does a lot to make amends. Slowly, with lots of love, firm boundaries and time for the frontal lobe in his brain to mature, he is learning to get along with others, manage impulsivity, and foresee the consequences of his actions. We will never give up on him because we believe he has some strengths that might make a real difference in the world. With his determination, intelligence and ability to argue a case (for more screen time, for rescuing a mopoke in our garden and taking it to the vet, or for donating our money to refugees) he might even g o into politics!

One stand-out experience from several years ago comes to mind when I consider this Bill. We were in the principal's office (again) after our son was in trouble at school (again) for fighting in the playground. "Will's ten, isn't he?" she said coolly. "No, he's nine", we replied. "Oh. Well, you know, of course, that after he turns ten this kind of behaviour would have much more severe consequences, don't you?" she asked.

At nine and ten, our boy still slept with his collection of stuffed toys. In fact, at twelve, he still does. The thought of him spending time in youth detention - the impact on his anxiety, his diabetes management, and his ideas about himself and his place in the world - makes me feel nauseous. And I'm confident that it won't happen - because we're white, educated, middle-class parents who can advocate for him and meet his needs.

But Jonty, our son is no different in some ways, and certainly no more precious than other twelve year olds, many of whom have been through unspeakable trauma in their little lives, who might end up out at Wacol, or in Townsville, in youth detention. He's just luckier.

Our boy needs time, love and a community around him. He acts before he thinks and in the heat of the moment, sometimes he doesn't care about the consequences he might incur. He's not alone. Medical evidence shows that 10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences - they simply cannot be held to account like adults. In fact, early contact with the criminal legal system places them in the "pipeline to prison" (if you're interested, QUT academic Linda Graham has established this with Australian research). Yes, challenging kids need to experience consequences; they need to learn that aggressive, destructive behaviour hurts the people around them and that it's not okay. This learning simply won't happen in youth detention.

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I urge you to support the passage of the Raising the Age of Responsibility Bill, alongside an alternative, therapeutic model to prevent and address challenging and antisocial behaviour by 10-13 year old children outside of the criminal legal system. Such a model would offer jobs for youth workers, social workers and teachers now, and significant economic benefits later when young people are kept out of gaol and in employment. Prison is so expensive!

Please vote to raise the age, Jonty. Lots of children don't have parents who can advocate for them, set boundaries and teach them skills. They need other adults in their lives who can do this.

Yours sincerely, Tania Aveling

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From: David Hordern <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Friday, 1 October 2021 7:53 PM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Berkman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Having children in jail is the worst way to rehabilitate them.

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From: Melinda Aldons <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Friday, 1 October 2021 8:31 PM **To:** Stafford Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear James Sullivan MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Yours sincerely, Melinda Aldons

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From: Fiorenza Jones <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Saturday, 2 October 2021 9:44 AM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Berkman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

As a mother of 4 children, the grand-mother of eight and the great-grand-mother of three, and having lived in other parts of the world, I consider my life experience in child rearing as extensive.

Medical and practical evidence shows that 10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences, so criminalising them like adults doesn't work. In fact, early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending.

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From: Joanna Duddy <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Saturday, 2 October 2021 1:24 PM

To: Mark Bailey

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Mark Bailey MP,

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

As a paediatric nurse that cares for children aged 10 to 13, it is obvious they are not able to control their impulses... while it is recognised medically they are children and require different care. The criminal system does not see it this way.

Medical evidence shows that 10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences, so criminalising them like adults doesn't work. In fact, early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending.

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From: Jules Morton <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Saturday, 2 October 2021 1:28 PM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Berkman MP,

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I have one child. A now 18 year old daughter. Between the age of 10 and 14 she experienced anxiety, school refusal, serious mental health issues requiring psychiatric support and ongoing psychological support. This is from a child with a stable loving home. A child in a family who could afford to invest the time and money in her recovery. She is now a confident year 12 student. Why? Because she got APPROPRIATE care as a child. And YES, because she is one of the lucky ones.

When I lived in Scotland I worked as an Art Therapist working with teenage boys (12-16 yrs) in a Resident Care Setting (Borstal) in Paisley. Within this Institution there were a number of 'Secure' beds. These children came from all over Scotland because these were the only 'secure' beds in the Country. The other children were day attendees usually returning nightly to disfunctional 'homes'. During this period I worked with boys on a one on one basis. Prior to sessions I would be briefed on the previous week's events for the child. Often stolen cars, being chased along the motorway by police, glue-sniffing, break-ins, violence in the centre.. I was the first person who had worked at the centre offering any kind of counselling, therapy, help, for these boys. Often one parent in prison, parents who were addicts, violent homes and extreme poverty. We were forty minutes from the sea but so many had never seen the sea. They lived in concrete jungles.

In my sessions I heard of dreams. A boy who wanted to be an air steward and travel the world. A boy who had never been able to share his story but couldn't wait to have this time every week to be heard. Boys who commited crimes just to feel they were part of something. To be paid attention to.

Every member of staff there knew that these boys were going straight into the adult system. The ongoing system of giving up on our children, for breeding criminals and making the community less, not more, safe. Scotland has moved on from that outdated system and acknowledges the investment that is needed in our children. The children of Queensland are all our responsibility.

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From: Ewen Heathdale <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Saturday, 2 October 2021 1:59 PM

To: Mark Furner

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Mark Furner MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I am writing to support the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, as I am appalled that children aged 10 to 13 are being detained and incarcerated in prisons.

I have a daughter in that age group, and I know from my own experience that children can have poor judgement and make silly mistakes. Teenagers in that age group have brains that are still forming, and prone to risk-taking behaviours.

I recall an incident when I was a teenager that age, in which I thought I could be like Batman, and jump from the upper story of our house, onto bitumen below. I was lucky that my mother heard me directing by brother as to where my ridiculously thin cushions should be placed to soften my landing, and insisted I "stand down". I understand that there are children 10-13 years old who behave in ways that can be hurtful and even dangerous to themselves, and also others. Children that age are still developing their impulse control, and forming their moral understanding and decision-making (ie " just because I could do this, doesn't mean I should do it").

Treating 10-13 year-olds as if they are young adults, and criminalising them during the period when their brain plasticity is high, and their moral judgement is still developing, is much more likely to entrench anti-social behaviour, rather than encourage their understanding of the consequences of their actions for both themselves, and those they negatively impact.

Therefore, I earnestly request that you support the proposed "Raising the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021 Children port for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

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Yours sincerely,
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From: Olivia Waterson <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Sunday, 3 October 2021 2:22 AM

To: Cooper Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Jonty Bush MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Yours sincerely, Olivia Waterson

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From: Dereka Ogden <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Sunday, 3 October 2021 10:02 AM
To: Currumbin Electorate Office

Currumbin Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Laura Gerber MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

INSERT YOUR PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE HERE - WHAT WERE YOU, OR A FAMILY MEMBER, LIKE AT 10?

Medical evidence shows that 10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences, so criminalising them like adults doesn't work. In fact, early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending.

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Yours sincerely,

Dereka Ogden

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From: Allan McKay <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Sunday, 3 October 2021 11:24 AM

To: Caloundra Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Jason Hunt MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to convey my support for the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021.

You would know that criminalising problematic behaviour of children doesn't work, and that early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending.

In 2019, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child recommended states adopt a minimum age of criminal responsibility no lower than 14. It is time to bring Queensland's children out of it's draconian legal system.

You would be aware that the Meeting of State and Territory Attorneys-General ("MAG") was tasked with considering raising the age, but they couldn't reach consensus and in 2020 the issue was removed from the agenda for future MAG meetings. The devastating impact of that decision falls heavily on our children.

But now we have an opportunity for our elected representatives to chart a new future for our children.

I urge you to support the passage of the Raising the Age of Responsibility Bill, alongside an alternative model to prevent and address problematic behaviour by 10-13 year old children outside of the criminal legal system.

Regards,

Allan McKay

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From: Rachel Murray <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Sunday, 3 October 2021 7:12 PM
To: Maroochydore Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Fiona Simpson MP,

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

Most developed nations do not treat young children as culpable adults, instead acknowledging that factors such as dysfunctional family background or mental health issues have contributed to the misbehaviour they have engaged in.

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From: Veronica Lever-Shaw <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Sunday, 3 October 2021 10:20 PM **To:** Caloundra Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

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Yours sincerely, Veronica Lever-Shaw

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From: Anna Sri <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 4 October 2021 10:49 AM

To: Caloundra Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Jason Hunt MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Medical evidence shows that 10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences, so criminalising them like adults doesn't work. In fact, early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending.

I have worked in many Indigenous communities as a veterinarian and school tutor, I know that interaction with the criminal justice system disproportionately impacts these children. If they had access to the same education and socioeconomic conditions this wouldn't happen. They shouldn't be punished for being victims of police racial bias or for living in poverty. We are setting children up to fail by forcing them into negative interactions with police and the criminal justice system.

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From: Anna Middleton <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 4 October 2021 1:31 PM

To: Cairns Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Healy MP,

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

As a mother of a 12 and 14 year old I am horrified that our community would realistically expect 10-13 year olds to be criminally responsible for their behaviour.

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From: Annabelle Whitehead-Broad <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Monday, 4 October 2021 9:28 PM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Berkman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

I am a Public Health student. The law as it stands is an affront not just to human rights but public health - prisons are not places for individual and social rehabilitation, but a place where health inequities are exacerbated and new medical and psychological issues develop. We know that there are social, systemic reasons why children offend - such as poverty, disability (such as FASD) and violence. But instead of offering these children, their families, their communities and their victims support, instead these children are incarcerated, and put through a system not designed to handle the complex needs they have. As there are such clear trends in which children are incarcerated, I would argue that the true criminalisation here is not of unlawful acts but of those experiencing poverty, disability, racism and violence.

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As such, I urge you to support the passage of the Raising the Age of Responsibility Bill, alongside an alternative model to prevent and address problematic behaviour by 10-13 year old children outside of the criminal legal system. These kids are young enough to still be losing baby teeth - they need care and support, not a prison cell.

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Sent: Monday, 4 October 2021 9:49 PM

To: David Crisafulli

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear David Crisafulli MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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As a retired school teacher, I know that children from 10 to 13, should not be incarcerated. Do you really believe that children should be imprisoned?

Children who commit minor crimes, such as breaking a car window, should be in some support programme, not behind walls.

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From: Emily Hughes <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Tuesday, 5 October 2021 5:02 PM

To: Lytton Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Joan Pease MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

It's shocking to me that this even needs to be said. Youth crime is caused by a lack of proper support and funding for vulnerable children and their families, nothing is solved by locking kids up. It's disgraceful this issue has been politicised by Queensland MPs - Stop using kids to score cheap political points! A good start would be to provide proper housing, health and education, not more prison cells.

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From: Christine Bennett <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Tuesday, 5 October 2021 7:58 PM

To: Nicklin Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Robert Skelton MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Despite the conservative agenda, Draconian laws belong in the past. Children deserve hope, they deserve safety at home, childhood play, a sound education, family care and support, financial stability and firm ground rules. But prison? A resounding "NO."

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From: Isabella Spencer <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Tuesday, 5 October 2021 8:24 PM

To: Clayfield Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Timothy Nicholls MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment bill 2021.

I am shocked and disgusted that anyone thinks it's appropriate to lock a child up. Think about the life experiences and circumstances that child has had to be acting out. Prevention is key and it's a disgrace if you don't do anything about this.

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From: lan Connon <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 6 October 2021 7:09 AM
To: Rockhampton Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Barry O'Rourke MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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It is disturbing that QLD is choosing this path, because it means we as a state have chosen to create career and lifetime criminals, rather than dealing with this problem sensibly, professionally and on a case by case basis focused on rehabilitation and nurturing. Creating a stigma around juveniles will follow and shape their lives and the lives of the communities they live in, forcing them down a certain path that we as their community have to take some responsibility for because we are failing them right now and shooting ourselves in the foot. What we need is a small army of social workers and psychologists to deal with each case individually and provide better outcomes. There are a multitude of reasons that create youth crime, most are preventable with a little attention and care. Against the backdrop of state enforced lockdowns and poverty it is time we as a community assumed some responsibility instead of just lashing out with knee jerk punitive measures. Against the backdrop of a federal government that refuses to be held accountable for anything that it does, it's time we stop labelling juveniles criminals and started dealing with the problem in a manner that is in line with our current signatories on human rights and current research, which does not support incarceration of juveniles.

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From: Elaine Summersford <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 6 October 2021 9:38 AM

To: Annastacia Palaszczuk

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Annastacia Palaszczuk MP,

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When I was 10, I was playing make-believe Harry Potter games, using sticks as wands and mud as potions. I was still learning how to read and write. Jail is not a place that would have helped me develop.

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From: Lucy Jackson <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 6 October 2021 9:58 AM

To: Mark Bailey

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

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From: Rebecca Moser <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 6 October 2021 2:54 PM

To: Clayfield Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

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To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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INSERT YOUR PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE HERE - WHAT WERE YOU, OR A FAMILY MEMBER, LIKE AT 10?*

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Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

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The children in my neighbourhood all got together and played in our cubby house.

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From: Chelsea Goodman <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 6 October 2021 4:44 PM

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Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

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When I was 10 I was still playing chasey and making sandcastles on the beach. I didn't totally understand my actions yet, or the consequences that followed. It's ridiculous to think a child whose still working on trying to get their pen license in Primary School would be treated like an adult.

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From: Esther Vale <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 6 October 2021 5:07 PM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Berkman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

As an adult, I wouldn't recognise the child I was at 10-13 years old. I had undiagnosed autism and mental health issues including suicidality. I can absolutely sympathise with children that age who similarly have mental health issues or come from difficult households, who act out without thinking or understanding what they're doing.

It absolutely breaks my heart to know that these children are being criminalised and forced into a system that only puts them on a path for further issues later in life. Children need to be treated with compassion, understanding, and a desire to protect them from the violence inherent in our justice system.

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To: Ipswich West Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear James Madden MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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At 10 you are definitely at the mercy of your upbringing at this age. If your parents aren't doing a great job you can possibly end up in prison. It's insane, they are just kids. We need to help them, not keep them in this cycle of destruction.

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From: T Wilson-Brown <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 7 October 2021 5:27 AM
To: South Brisbane Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Amy MacMahon MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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When I was 10, I was still trying to work out how the world worked.

I was around 12 years old when a friend of mine used me as cover to shoplift on a school excursion. I really didn't know what was happening until afterwards. And neither of us deserved to be in prison over a chocolate bar.

Prison wouldn't have helped either of us change. We just needed better adult supervision.

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From: Erica Parker <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 7 October 2021 8:45 AM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Berkman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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As a parent I know that children of this age are simply not able to understand consequences of their actions as well as adults. And many adults fail in this regard as well! Therefore an activity which they would consider harmless and ends up having consequences which society deems harmful, needs a better strategy.

Also at this age life is an exploration, and doesn't mean that that those activities have an adverse agenda.

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From: Heather Rees <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 7 October 2021 9:01 PM
To: Greenslopes Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Joseph Kelly MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

As a health care worker specialising in treating children with cancer, I regularly interact with children of that age. I am aware of their naivety and vulnerability, and their intellectual capacity.

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From: Brett Carvolth <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Saturday, 9 October 2021 9:45 AM
To: Mt Ommaney Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Jessica Pugh MP,

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From: Nadia G <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 11 October 2021 1:55 PM
To: Mundingburra Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Leslie Walker MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Sent: Monday, 11 October 2021 10:10 PM

To: Toohey Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Peter Russo MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

At 10, I still had 2 years of primary school ahead of me. Why on earth does Qld believe it's appropriate to use juvenile detention as a means of reparation and rehabilitation for someone so young? This not trauma informed practice and sets children up for a detrimental trajectory.

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From: Chris Sachs <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Tuesday, 12 October 2021 4:59 PM
To: Mt Ommaney Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Jessica Pugh MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

Our 9 year old grandson has mental health issues which includes violent meltdowns. Recently police were called to his residence during one of these incidents and the attending senior officer wanted to put him in handcuffs. It is very worrying that without supportive and caring parents and extended family, a child like this could easily be taken away and put in police custody. This is not the place for children and I totally support this new bill submitted by Michael Berkman to Raise The Age of Responsibility.

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From: Andrew Stimson <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 6:47 AM

To: Theodore Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Mark Boothman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

Prison can lead to a cycle of incarceration, starting young, that is hard to escape. Almost three in four prisoners have been behind bars before. One in three has been in prison at least five times.

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From: Andrew Stimson <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 October 2021 2:52 PM

To: Theodore Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

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Tougher penalties for younger people don't work.

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Sent: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 8:30 AM

To: Noosa Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Sandra Bolton MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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As a ten year old I took an overdose because my mum needed mental health treatment and I thought it was my fault .A psychiatrist pronounced me to be precocious and no support offered so I have continued to believe that I am worthless.

Please respect kids and support them .

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From: Joan McVilly <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 8:59 AM

To: Glass House Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Andrew Powell MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Although this is an email through Michael Berkman's website, I personally fully endorse this Bill. I'm remembering being 10, 11, 12 years old. I was a little kid! Running around in gumboots and climbing trees, getting into mischief where I could and subsequent reprimands from parents and other elders. But I didn't carry the burden of a police record forward.

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From: Felicity Jodell <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 4:35 PM
To: South Brisbane Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Amy MacMahon MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC Amy McMahon MP.

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

When my two sons (now in their forties) were between 10 and 13, I was a single parent who struggled in many ways. Not only that but their father had an ABI (Acquired Brain Injury) I shudder to think what could well have happened had my highly sensitive, emotionally immature boys ended up incarcerated when so young. At that age, I myself was still bed wetting!

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From: Eliza Wilson <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 15 October 2021 6:04 AM
To: Bundamba Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Lance McCallum MP,

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Sent: Sue Cory <campaigns@good.do>
Friday, 15 October 2021 7:10 AM

To: Cairns Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Healy MP,

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

As a 10yr old I needed to be near family and support.

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From: Kim Harper <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 15 October 2021 10:35 AM

To: McConnel Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

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Sent: Friday, 15 October 2021 10:35 AM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Berkman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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When I was ten I was very unintelligent like everyone who is ten children shouldn't be taken from their family and put in prison it is pretty simple

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From: Rebecca Moser <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 15 October 2021 10:42 AM

To: Clayfield Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Timothy Nicholls MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

I truly believe that young people don't belong in jail.

I once had a neighbour when I lived in NSW, he got locked up in jail when he was a young boy and he told me that it just made him worse and in jail he learnt how to become a criminal.

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From: Lynn West <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 15 October 2021 11:00 AM

To: Logan Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Linus Power MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Personally I'd prefer to see the age raised ro 16. Teens are influenced by people around them. Putting them in jail with older lawbreakers virtually ensures they will continue to break the law.

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From: Jake Russell <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 15 October 2021 11:07 AM

To: Shannon Fentiman

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Shannon Fentiman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee,

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Please stop destroying peoples futures and provide people with a universal basic income. Please watch Ronald Reagan a time for choosing speach and rutger bregman Ted talk titled "poverty isn't a lack of character but a lack of cash" in relation to universal basic income. These two speeches should relate. Social supports are often extremely stigmatizing and hopefully you can read between the lines and fine the multiple benefits and relation withit these speeches.

Here is the links -

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From: Claire Hutchinson <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Friday, 15 October 2021 11:19 AM

To: Stirling Hinchliffe

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Stirling Hinchliffe MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of gaols.

At the age of 10, I was a well behaved and gentle child. But a child in my class was not. Theo was from a troubled home, a victim of a very disadvantaged, neglected and abusive upbringing. All he knew to get attention was acting out, shouting and violence. When a little girl he liked didn't return his affection, Theo threw a tantrum and damaged school property. But this was not the action of a criminal, it was the action of a troubled child in need of a safe home and therapy.

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From: Renee Rothberg <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Friday, 15 October 2021 1:42 PM **To:** Surfers Paradise Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear John-Paul Langbroek MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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I have a nephew aged 10. I cannot imagine him being incarcerated. We should tackle poverty and racism in our communities. Also, money should be spent on restorative justices avenues to deter children away from the CJS, not to lock them up.

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From: Rhia Wilson <campaigns@good.do> **Sent:** Friday, 15 October 2021 5:31 PM

To: Leanne Linard

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Leanne Linard MP,

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My eldest child is about to turn 9. The idea that children not much older than her could be sent to prison is terrifying. Although as a middle class white woman, I don't imagine that my child could ever be in that position. I don't believe it is something any child should face.

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From: Jennifer Embelton <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Friday, 15 October 2021 9:03 PM

To: Burdekin Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

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As a white, privileged 10 year old I made so many mistakes as one does as they're growing up. I can't imagine children like me living on the other side of that reality.

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From: Charlotte O'Sullivan <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Friday, 15 October 2021 9:50 PM

To: Moggill Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Christian Rowan MP,

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as a 10 year old I was completely dependent on others and lacked understanding in determining right from wrong. I never understood why I was being punished for certain things that I did when I was little. those who are 10 years of age going into the judicial system do not understand the severity of their actions meaning the punishment should change

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From: Faith Hage <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Saturday, 16 October 2021 1:49 PM

To: Leeanne Enoch

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Leeanne Enoch MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

I have a 10 yr old daughter, 8 yr old daughter and a four month old son. It is horrendous to me to think that my eldest child can be prosecuted for crimes when she is still a child who does not think actions through. She is still playing with baby dolls and is not any where near the age where she should be held accountable. If she does something wrong then that is on me and I should be responsible. Most families are like this and ones where children are committing crimes at this age need help and support not jail time or criminal records. Maybe use the money for programs to help families in these situations. Free sports or activities outside of school for areas that have high crime rates. People that can work with families to stop someone becoming a criminal for life or break the family cycle or criminal behaviour. It is your responsibility to stand up for our children and enact change that benefits our society.

Medical evidence shows that 10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences, so criminalising them like adults doesn't work. In fact, early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending.

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Sent: Saturday, 16 October 2021 5:06 PM
To: South Brisbane Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Amy MacMahon MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

When I was 10 I was afraid of the dark and would run to my parents for comfort. Who are comforting children in prisons? Who are wiping away their tears in prisons? Who are the looking up to for guidance in prisons?

Children should be thriving not just surviving. They should be with parents and peers. Not parented by security guards.

First Nations children belong on country with their kin and culture. The government should be providing social services to communities to keep families together. It's appalling the government are spending tax money to keep small children in prisons.

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From: Hannah Carey <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Sunday, 17 October 2021 12:55 AM

To: David Crisafulli

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear David Crisafulli MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

It truly horrifies me that we as a nation have decided that these children aren't worthy of any further guidance, support or appropriate rehabilitation. Prison/detention is no place for children. I truly believe such heavy-handedness only breeds further contempt and antisocial behaviour. Children need love, structure and guidance - and if they aren't getting that at home, they deserve the opportunity to seek it elsewhere. This country has failed many children in the system - it MUST change.

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From: Abigail Knight <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Sunday, 17 October 2021 12:57 AM

To: Jordan Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

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From: Chrystal Hall <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Sunday, 17 October 2021 12:24 PM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

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Sent: Monday, 18 October 2021 8:53 AM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

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From: Zigrid Strads <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 18 October 2021 9:16 AM

To: Jordan Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Charis Mullen MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

Children need support not prison.

The fact that they have gotten to that point shows they have already been let down enough. They are kids they need support to grow and become contributing members of society.

Prison just ensures they will be career criminals.

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

INSERT YOUR PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE HERE - WHAT WERE YOU, OR A FAMILY MEMBER, LIKE AT 10?

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From: Alexander Downs <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 18 October 2021 10:19 AM

To: Stirling Hinchliffe

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Stirling Hinchliffe MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Psychological perspectives have acknowledged for decades that development has not completed at 10 years old. Prison for someone at that age could have devastating impact on their entire life. Are we a society who seeks to benefit from serial offenders? Do we wish to encourage the young into lives that can be exploited by a privatised prison system, and by others that benefit from criminal activity in our communities (such as commercial media) because they have been betrayed by our society at a truly vulnerable age rather than shown support and given the opportunity to see that our society does not wish to abandon them?

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From: Aleesha Isaacs <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 18 October 2021 11:38 AM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

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From: Elizabeth Shield <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 18 October 2021 12:41 PM

To: Mark Furner

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From: Kirk Radunz <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 18 October 2021 6:47 PM

To: Gympie Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Anthony Perrett MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

As a Gympie Electorate voter, i'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

As many of you have young children you will know that the choices which one makes at the ages of 10-13 should not scar the lives of adults. Raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility. The age is far younger than in many other states and countries - it only serves to concentrate power in prisons.

Yours sincerely, Kirk Radunz

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From: Maddison Warren <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 18 October 2021 8:27 PM

To: Mirani Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Stephen Andrew MP,

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From: Steph Moss <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Tuesday, 19 October 2021 8:42 AM

To: McConnel Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Grace Grace MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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From: Gladys De Vera <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Tuesday, 19 October 2021 9:42 AM
To: Greenslopes Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Joseph Kelly MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

How can you condemn a 10 year old to time behind bars when the there grasp on of right and wrong is still malleable and slippery at best? They're brains are not developed enough to grasp long term consequences.

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From: Melanie Williams <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 11:22 AM
To: Maroochydore Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Fiona Simpson MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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I personally feel that children under the age of 14 are way too young to be in detention and I find it appalling that Australia have their age limits set so young.

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From: Samantha Fryar <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 11:35 AM

To: Pumicestone Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Ali King MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Prison time does not solve the problem of juvenile crime, which is a societal issue. Imprisonment of children increases their chance of recidivism and puts barriers in a child's ability to be an active member of society. These children still require love, support and nurturing not prison time.

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From: Stephanie Anne <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 1:38 PM

To: Toohey Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Peter Russo MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Children and young people need community and family support not detention / prison.

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From: Narelle Knobel <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 2:06 PM
To: Ipswich West Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear James Madden MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

As a mother of three I know that ten is far to young to be punished in this way.

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Yours sincerely, Narelle Knobel

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From: Elizabeth Boardman <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 2:13 PM

To: Toohey Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

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10year olds need to be loved and cared for not monitored by guards. They need to play and learn. Entering detention centres will further traumatise them and there is no evidence of positive outcomes for children this age who are detained.

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From: Jacqui Cresswell <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 2:18 PM

To: Redlands Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Kim Richards MP,

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As a grandmother of 2 boys in this age group, I am horrified at the thought that children the same age are incarcerated.

I also know that when children are upset or traumatised they act up and do things they wouldn't normally do ,often as a cry for help and attention.

These children if indigenous, are also often targeted by police.

If children have been abused in the home or neglected, their behaviour reflects their distress.

They need support not incarceration.

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Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 3:23 PM

To: Leeanne Enoch

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

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From: Camille Smith-Watkins <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 5:46 PM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

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From: Zi Hui Chen <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 6:17 PM
To: South Brisbane Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

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When I was 10 I was a pretty happy kid. Sometimes I did have my moments of insecurity but I fortunate to have supportive friends, family, and teachers. As a young Chinese immigrant, my support system was crucial in helping me learn how to navigate a new culture. However, I know that many other children are not so fortunate to have or feel that they have reliable people to lean on. Kids need to feel safe being kids and learning about the world around them. Punishment teaches nothing but fear.

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To: Moggill Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Christian Rowan MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Sending kids to prison isn't going to help? it creates a pipeline /cycle that's very hard to break out of once you're in it. instead of sending literal children to jail, children and families should be provided with adequate free/affordable mental health, social and financial support to help them deal with the problems that are contributing to their participation in criminal activity.

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From: Susan Fletcher <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Susan Fletcher <campaigns@good.do>
Thursday, 21 October 2021 7:51 PM

To: Leeanne Enoch

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

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From: Mohini Dewhirst <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Friday, 22 October 2021 6:48 AM **To:** Currumbin Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

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From: Samuel Green <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 22 October 2021 7:26 AM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

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Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

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Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

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From: Emma Smith <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 22 October 2021 9:55 PM

To: Glenn Butcher

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

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As a high school educator, I work with 11-13 year olds each day, and see that they have complex lives that they tackle with developing brains, this is not something that's likely to improve with incarceration. The one student I know for certain who has been to juvie was from a foster care background, indigenous and made silky choices, but was warm and funny and musical and given the chance, a real leader. He could have done so much better with support from the right resources. The type of student who ends up in the juvenile detention system has complex needs that will never be met by this system.

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From: Fiona Richards <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 October 2021 11:39 AM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Berkman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

Everyone deserves a second chance and 10-13 year olds, who often have had very difficult upbringings, even more so.

Medical evidence shows that 10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences, so criminalising them like adults doesn't work. In fact, early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending.

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Yours sincerely, Fiona Richards

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From: Sean Corrigan <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 October 2021 11:44 AM

To: Craig Crawford

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Craig Crawford MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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INSERT YOUR PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE HERE - WHAT WERE YOU, OR A FAMILY MEMBER, LIKE AT 10?

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Its time to rethink and help these troubled young people.

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Yours sincerely, Sean Corrigan

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From: Karen Bourke <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 October 2021 3:54 PM

To: Mark Bailey

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Mark Bailey MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

At ten years old, children need love, support, a safe and nurturing home and guidance. Even with these supports in place, ten year olds make mistakes; sometimes big mistakes.

Medical evidence shows that 10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences. This ability only fully develops at 23 to 25 years old; so criminalising them like adults doesn't work. In fact, early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending.

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Yours sincerely, Karen Bourke

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From: Gelena Wolf <campaigns@good.do> **Sent:** Wednesday, 27 October 2021 4:43 PM

To: Cooper Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Jonty Bush MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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10 year olds require guidance, mentorship, community, not prison.

Medical evidence shows that 10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences, so criminalising them like adults doesn't work. In fact, early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending.

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Yours sincerely, Gelena Wolf

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From: Maree Hanson <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 October 2021 5:37 PM

To: Moggill Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Christian Rowan MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Yours sincerely, Maree Hanson

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From: Jade Croft <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 October 2021 6:44 PM

To: Hill Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Shane Knuth MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

When I was 10 years old, I was still struggling with the recent death of my Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mother. It is these times and circumstances where I would have been the most vulnerable to be incarcerated for petty crimes just because of my heritage. We need to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility or else the systemic racism that is hindering the lives of our Indigenous children will continue. The harmful practises of police incarcerating literal children is an ongoing act of GENOCIDE.

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From: Stephen Hoult <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 28 October 2021 9:16 AM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Berkman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

I have sons aged 9 and 12 and the thought that they could be held criminally responsible and imprisoned for their actions is abhorrent.

They don't understand the consequences of their actions. They get frustrated at times and make decisions they later regret, but they lack the ability to fully understand and foresee the outcomes of their decisions.

Children running rampant seems to make for popular headlines in news services, but I would think there's a reason 10 to 13 year old children are behaving in this way which has little to do with personal responsibility, and much to do with a failure of parenting and their broader community.

Imprisoning children won't solve the problem, it won't deter children.

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From: Dereka Ogden <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 28 October 2021 10:02 AM

To: Currumbin Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Laura Gerber MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

It's disgrace that a 10 year old can go to gaol. It is as if we are in the 18th century not the 21st. How is this different to sending children down chimneys?

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From: Nathan Vindis <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 28 October 2021 12:43 PM
To: Rockhampton Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Barry O'Rourke MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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From: Collins (D'Arcy) Burg <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Thursday, 28 October 2021 1:34 PM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Berkman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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A 10,11, 12 or 13-year-old will know right and wrong, and deserves admonishment/punishment by parent or 'carer'. It is unreasonable to expect such a juvenile to understand 'criminality or the 'law' and to be punished as a criminal for what we, adults, consider ciminal acts.

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Yours sincerely, Collins (D'Arcy) Burg

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From: Anne Jackson <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 29 October 2021 6:33 AM

To: Callide Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Colin Boyce MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

Our current laws are out of line with international jurisdictions, medical evidence about children' neurological development and our human rights obligations. They're also not working to keep the community safe. It's time to #RaisetheAge and implement a better, evidence-based and non-punitive model of justice for our children.

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Yours sincerely, Anne Jackson

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From: Sarah O'Connell <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Friday, 29 October 2021 7:08 PM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

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From: Cate Aberdeen <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 29 October 2021 10:05 PM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

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Yours sincerely, Cate Aberdeen

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From: Robyn Ford <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Sunday, 31 October 2021 4:55 PM

To: Cairns Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Healy MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

The thought of myself, or any children that I know or have known in the under 14 age group being assessed as criminally responsible and incarcerated is appalling. I can't think of anything more likely to turn a troubled child into a permanent criminal. It is surely more effective in terms of long term outcomes (including costs to Government) to provide suitable counselling and remedial programmes.

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Yours sincerely, Robyn Ford

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From: Christina Livesey <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 1 November 2021 8:12 AM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Berkman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of custody.

I have a son who is ten years old and he is still navigating his way through life and where he fits in the world. He is a long way off being able to make adult decisions.

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From: Lesli Knetter <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 1 November 2021 8:41 AM

To: Nicklin Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Robert Skelton MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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From: Greg Nunan <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 1 November 2021 10:28 AM

To: McConnel Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Grace Grace MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Yours sincerely, Greg Nunan

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From: Melissa Grace <campaigns@good.do> **Sent:** Monday, 1 November 2021 11:56 AM

To: Leanne Linard

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Leanne Linard MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of juvenile detention.

When I was 10 years of age I was playing with barbie dolls and helping my mum pick flowers from the garden for the table.

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Yours sincerely, Melissa Grace

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From: Lachlan Gammon <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 1 November 2021 2:27 PM

To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Berkman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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When I was 10-13 years old I rode my bike with a group of friends in the neighbourhood, going into all sorts of places that kids probably shouldn't but always manage to do, like the back of industrial yards, decommissioned work sites, the blurry boundaries between parks and back yards, and so on. I remember of particular note that there was a car wrecking yard near my house with a very climbable tree that gave access to the yard. After numerous close calls of being caught, one day we eventually were, what it led to for me was a stern telling off from my parents after we were brought home. I look back on those times and think of all the ways I could have gotten in trouble with the law as a young kid, and am extremely lucky that I wasn't thrown into more serious criminal punishment.

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Yours	sincerely,	
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From: Sasha Zuniga <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 1 November 2021 2:36 PM
To: South Brisbane Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Amy MacMahon MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

I have worked in an around the criminal justice system since 2017. 10-13 year olds do not belong anywhere near this system, nor does this system assist communities or these children in any way.

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Yours sincerely, Sasha Zuniga

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From: Saska Scoon <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Tuesday, 2 November 2021 2:33 PM

To: Stafford Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear James Sullivan MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

10-13 years old is a child. One needs to ask what led the child to engage in a criminal activity; such children are obviously in need of wise guidance, love, compassion and support - not black and white, harsh punishment. If a child is on a harmful path to crime, 10 -13 years could be a pivotal time to change their life path to a moral one which allows them to flourish and contribute to society. This change of course occurs as a result of compassionate and therapeutic intervention - not labelling and treating these children as criminals.

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From: Jane Whipp <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Tuesday, 2 November 2021 5:52 PM

To: Mark Furner

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Mark Furner MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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As a mother and student criminologist I find it unconscionable to be putting children in prison. Children need loving guidance and good role models to develop into healthy, functional adults, which cannot be achieved by imprisoning them at such a crucial age in their development. In fact there are various studies that conclude that prisons are "criminogenic". See "Prisons Do not reduce Recidivism: The High Cost of Ignoring Science" (DOI: 10.1177/0032885511415224), and detrimental to mental health; "The experiences of children in custody: a story of survival" (DOI 10.1108/SC-11-2020-0040). This is an area that I hope to contribute to in future research within an Australian setting.

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From: Tanya Flynn <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 3 November 2021 3:46 PM

To: Annastacia Palaszczuk

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Annastacia Palaszczuk MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

My son in 12, and would be traumatised from gaol, even my 15yo would be. At 10 we are barely starting puberty. Girls may not have even got their period yet. Poverty is not a crime and yet that's exactly what these laws perpetuate.

Medical evidence shows that 10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences, so criminalising them like adults doesn't work. In fact, early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending.

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From: Kate Fardell <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 3 November 2021 5:23 PM

To: Toohey Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Peter Russo MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

My little sister is 12 years old and I cannot imagine the pain it would cause her and my family to see her locked away of a silly childhood mistake. Many kids who are locked up are there for petty crime and because of peer pressure from older kids and adults.

Medical evidence shows that 10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences, so criminalising them like adults doesn't work. In fact, early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending.

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Yours sincerely, Kate Fardell

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From: Maddison Williams <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 3 November 2021 8:49 PM

To: Lytton Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Joan Pease MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

It's my personal belief that a 10 year old should not be subject to a prison cell, I have 4 children which include a 12 and almost 10 year old and they are much to immature and young to understand being torn away from family and friends for something they may do wrong they are still heavily reliant on me as a mother and I couldn't imagine the thought of ever seeing a child so young in a jail cell. Placing children that young into the criminal justice system is opening them up to a life time of reoffending, there are no benefits for children that age to be placed in a prison.

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From: Sally-Anne Judge <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 4 November 2021 1:43 PM

To: Lockyer Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear James McDonald MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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Yours sincerely, Sally-Anne Judge

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From: Renee Huddy <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 4 November 2021 4:22 PM

To: Glass House Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Andrew Powell MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

I was recently at the old prison at Port Arthur in Tasmania and was appalled by one of the convict's stories; he was a third time offender for stealing so was sentenced to Van Diemen's Land at the age of 9! To learn that children only a year older than that can still be treated as adults by the penal system in this country nearly 200 years later is shocking, and I believe it needs to change.

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Yours sincerely, Renee Huddy

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From: Joshua Hall <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 4 November 2021 6:44 PM

To: Stirling Hinchliffe

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Stirling Hinchliffe MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

At 10 I was not in a prison cell, thankfully. Because by the time I was 14 I was smoking weed and drinking alcohol and raining a shit storm down on my family and my little community of Banyo.

Very petty crime public nuisance the occasion wilful damage.

Thankfully due to the protection of our wonderful state and the better judgement of the law enforcement I never saw a day behind bars.

But I promise you this.

If I had I would not be the sub-contracting law abiding citizen I am today. I would probably be a member of an outlaw biker gang.

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From: James Blyth <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 5 November 2021 7:52 AM

To: Leanne Linard

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Leanne Linard MP,

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From: Sarah Buckley <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Sunday, 7 November 2021 1:41 PM

To: Moggill Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Christian Rowan MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my strong support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

As a medical doctor, you will know that 10 yo chidden are not developed enough to hold criminal responsibility and need protection from harms.

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From: Beka Hunter <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 8 November 2021 10:48 AM

To: Mark Furner

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Mark Furner MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

If I'd been imprisoned for things I did when I was 12, I wouldn't be a functional member of society now. Locking up children ends their potential life and sets them on a more dangerous path.

Medical evidence shows that 10-13 year olds' brains aren't yet developed to control impulses or foresee and understand consequences, so criminalising them like adults doesn't work. In fact, early contact with the criminal legal system increases a child's likelihood of reoffending.

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From: Tyrone D'Lisle <campaigns@good.do> **Sent:** Monday, 8 November 2021 11:40 AM

To: Stafford Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear James Sullivan MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

My eldest daughter is 10 years old. She is a clever person but very much still a child. She would at times, to use an old phrase, forget her head if it wasn't screwed on. She is also heavily influenced by her peers and despite having a good moral compass I think she would still be vulnerable to being pressured into doing something wrong. I would hate to see her sent to jail for something because honestly that would ruin her life for something she probably didn't even understand was so consequential.

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From: Elaine Summersford <campaigns@good.do>

Sent: Monday, 8 November 2021 12:25 PM

To: Annastacia Palaszczuk

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Annastacia Palaszczuk MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

There is no way I would have had any of the same opportunities as I have had now if I had to go to jail from a mistake I made at 10 years old. Children don't know better, and can't control how they've been brought up.

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From: Adrian Jones <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 8 November 2021 3:41 PM

To: Aspley Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Bart Mellish MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

When I was 10 we had just moved to Australia from the UK. I'm lucky that I had a close family and wasn't the type of person to change myself for friends. I just wanted to enjoy the beach, the pool, and the Australian summer. I remember kids who weren't so lucky and did stupid things to impress friends or because they were just making bad decisions. It devastates me to think children at that age could have their life ruined by a mistake or a bad friend.

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From: N Osborn <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: N Osborn <campaigns@good.do>
Monday, 8 November 2021 9:13 PM

To: Hervey Bay Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Adrian Tantari MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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 From: Caroline Cooper <campaigns@good.do>
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To: Cooper Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Jonty Bush MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for getting 10-13 year old children out of prisons.

I am a parent of a child aged 11. I can't imagine that at that age prison would be a great option for anyone and should no longer be considered a suitable punishment for kids that cause crime in Qld.

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From: Ludmila Andersson <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 8 November 2021 10:20 PM

To: Cooper Electorate Office

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Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

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My son will be 10 in January and it terrifies me to think that if he does something wrong he could end up in as much trouble as a man. I am particularly concerned as he has troubles with self regulation and lashes out when upset. He has a long way to go in managing himself or even being able to empathise with others. He is getting there - but baby steps, well he is in ways still a baby!

There is evidence that empathy only begins to develop when we are about 10. Kids will have moments of empathy before that but a lot of what looks like empathy is actually mimicry. Our brains are so immature at ten - it's ludicrous that research shows this but the law ignores it.

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To: Maiwar Electorate Office

Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office

Subject: Raise the age: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility)

Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Berkman MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, CC my local MP:

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