

## Community Support and Services Committee

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**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

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**From:** Ollie Conti <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 November 2021 11:42 AM  
**To:** Aspley Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Bart Mellish MP,

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

At the age of 10 I still hadn't mastered my times tables. Kids that young deserve to be in the community; They NEED to be. Most scientists and doctors agree that 10 years old is too young to be in a prison. As a politician, you need to listen to the science, listen to the community.

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THIS IS IMPORTANT.

Yours sincerely,  
Ollie Conti

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**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Lance McCallum MP,

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

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Coming from a history of family violence, I am well aware of the impacts a family environment can have on the psychological and physical well-being of children. I can't even begin to imagine what those children who are neglected and also abused are going through, and how that influences & shapes the risk-taking behaviour they seek. Some don't know any better, others just need an escape from their lives. It's abhorrent to think that children as young as ten can go to jail. I have an eleven year old brother! He would be absolutely distraught if he were removed from our family. And I can guarantee that there would be no rehabilitation, there would be no positive outcome from his incarceration. There would only be a hatred for the system - the Government - that is designed to represent and protect the people. There would be a perpetuation of anti-social behaviour fuelled by a distrust in the Government. And for a Government that is so hell-bent on having money, perpetuating this behaviour is only going to become more costly to the taxpayer.

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Mackenzie Van Dijken

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**From:** Rachele Quested <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 November 2021 5:51 PM  
**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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These vulnerable and impressionable children need our help, kindness and support if they are making poor choices. These will not be delivered in jail.

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Rachele Quested

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**From:** Natalie Keene <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 November 2021 8:00 PM  
**To:** David Janetzki  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
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At 10 years old I was playing rough, getting in trouble and learning about consequences of my actions. My adults were there to ground me, but also look after me. I needed them to be present, help me with school work, keep me on track and feed me well, and to also provide lots of family outings and activities where I would play, swim, explore all under safe supervision. In short, I was a little kid. Sometimes I did something wrong but my parents always steered me back to understanding what I did wrong and how to fix it. Kids without such parents need something other than jail to help them to become better adult members of our society. Elders and community programs, restorative justice programs are just a few alternatives. Why do you/our society resort to locking up little kids? This won't fix them it will make them angrier and offer them a chance to interact with older kids engaging in worse criminal acts. Do you have kids, nephews or nieces? If one of them was bad, stole something or smashed a window - would you work hard on helping them with their emotions, self regulation, and understanding of consequences? Or would you put them into jail?

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Natalie Keene  
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**From:** Kelly Eckers <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 November 2021 9:07 PM  
**To:** David Janetzki  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
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Kelly Eckers

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**From:** Deborah Moseley <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 November 2021 9:35 PM  
**To:** Ninderry Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Daniel Purdie MP,

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Deborah Moseley

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**From:** L Stewart <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 November 2021 6:54 AM  
**To:** Macalister Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Melissa McMahon MP,

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L Stewart

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**From:** Winsome Fox <campaigns@good.do>  
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**To:** Everton Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Timothy Mander MP,

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When I was 10 years old I was not responsible at all! My Dad bought me guinea pigs to teach me responsibility and that did not end well. I never remembered to feed them or clean their cage and I didn't understand how gentle I had to be with them. The lesson my Dad learnt - a 10 year old is not responsible.

At the same age I tried to steal a pen from Hello Kitty because I was jealous of the girls at school who had that fancy stationary. I was caught by the shop keeper. Instead of calling the police and getting me put in jail, he called security and my Mum. They sat me down and gave me a talk about how my actions affected others, how what I was doing was wrong. They also asked me why. When I explained my Mum understood that I just wanted to fit in so she bought me the pen. I have never stolen anything else in my life, still feeling guilt for that moment 14 years ago.

As a nanny I have had the privilege of caring for children of all ages. One boy in particular stands out to me. I started caring for him when he was 10 and I've seen him grow and mature since then. When he was 10 he had no concept of the consequences of his actions, no understanding of broader society, and no understanding of the law. As a 15 year old, I still do not think he understands any of those things. It would be a crime to send him to jail at this young age, a crime which you are responsible for.

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Winsome Fox  
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**From:** Katie Everingham <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 November 2021 9:30 AM  
**To:** Capalaba Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Donald Brown 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

I am aware that youth crime has affected our community significantly, however, the current laws are not the answer based on research to tackle this.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 November 2021 9:39 AM  
**To:** South Brisbane Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

The current legislation is putting young people at risk of many harms associated with incarceration that are well documented in academic journals. The legislation contributes to the high rates of First Nations young people being incarcerated. It is appalling that a young person can end up in prison as a result of traveling on a train without a ticket. While they may not be sentenced to prison for this offence, a young person may repeatedly breach a community order and end up in prison (let's not pretend they are 'detention centres' and not prisons). The reasons the young people breach community orders are often complex. The young person may lack support from family, they may have disabilities as a result of in utero exposure to alcohol (FASD). This has been well documented to be the case. What is desperately needed is support to help the family and address the young person's special needs. The cost of incarceration is greater than programs that directly address the problems.

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**From:** Shannon Maugham <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 November 2021 12:02 PM  
**To:** Cooper Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

It's incomprehensible for me to imagine what it would be like to be in prison so young. At 10 years old I was still very much learning about the world, relying on the environment around me to guide my morals and teach me about actions and consequences. I work with children and I can see how factors of inter generation trauma, poverty, family violence and family substance abuse can affect kids as young as 10. However, I can also see how they need HELP. How far things like therapy, food, and social groups go to help them stay on track. I can only imagine how prison would make things so much worse. Our kids deserve a better start to life.

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Shannon Maugham

**From:** Hayley Pilgrim <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 November 2021 2:25 PM  
**To:** Coomera Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Crandon 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

In my experience if children are acting out at this age they need support not punishment. They may be suffering from multiple traumas and it is our job to support educate and nurture these children rather than forcing them into a system that is broken. Research suggests the earlier a young person faces incarceration the higher their rates are for recidivism.

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Hayley Pilgrim

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**To:** Keppel Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Brittany Lauga 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

I can't believe that with all the medical and psychological knowledge that modern society has that we could assume that locking 10 yr olds up (or anyone for that matter) is appropriate, productive or even cost effective.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 November 2021 10:23 PM  
**To:** Moggill Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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 support for an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

These people aged 10-13, they're are children. We have so many laws that acknowledge all the things children are not mature enough to make sound decisions on or take part in or be responsible for. These laws must be databased, but why make criminal justice the one area where the database is dispensed with? Why wave aside everything we know about the raising of children and opt for rough justice and imprisonment in a criminal environment? Look at your own children, it's not hard to see this doesn't make sense.

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I do ask this in the name of all the children who are as yet too young to ask it for themselves. We're the grownups, we need to think like grown ups.

Yours sincerely,  
Anne Etchells

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**From:** Beth Norman <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, 12 November 2021 3:41 PM  
**To:** Dianne Farmer  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Dianne Farmer MP,

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

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At 10 years old, I was only a little kid learning how to play the piano. I had no idea of the world, and while I knew right from wrong mostly, I had no idea of the impact of my actions for either myself or others, particularly long term consequences. This just wasn't in my framework yet - I was mostly concerned about New Kids on the Block, Full House and whether my friends still liked me. I shudder to think how my life could have been horrifically changed forever if I had mixed with the wrong crowd without fully knowing what this actually meant.

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Yours sincerely,  
Beth Norman

**From:** Pam Blamey <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, 12 November 2021 5:23 PM  
**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

I was a privileged and protected child of white farmers in Kenya at aged ten. Now, as I get older I know how important it is for children to be nurtured and cared for, taught kindly how to live in the world, not punished and ignored. Children who are cared for in this way are far more likely to grow up to be good contributors to society.

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Pam Blamey

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**Sent:** Sunday, 14 November 2021 7:28 PM  
**To:** Greenslopes Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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:

Dear Joe,

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

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**Sent:** Monday, 15 November 2021 9:15 AM  
**To:** South Brisbane Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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When I was primary school-aged I had friends who were constantly 'up to no good' and considered a bad influence by adults. Today, these same people are respected members of the community, proud and responsible parents and employees. They have travelled the world and lived rich lives. I can imagine things may have turned out very differently for them had they been caught up in the shame and trauma of the justice system as children.

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**Sent:** Saturday, 13 November 2021 4:17 PM  
**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** I have had many years experience as a member of a Parole Board and 40 years as General Practitioner. I know well the family circumstances, educational experience and psychological age of those under 14 who are charged. They are not helped in their futu...

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

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The age of criminal responsibility should be 14.

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**To:** Toowoomba North Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Trevor Watts 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

I'm not going to pretend to that I have any meaningful story to tell about the criminal justice system. I've never had to deal with it, I've always been too much of a goody two shoes. That said, I was never good. I didn't learn how to have healthy interactions with others and process emotions well so I acted up a lot. This was compounded by abuse at home, so I tended to leave a trail of destruction, just not the kind that concerns the police.

I was like this throughout my childhood and teenage years. My parents and teachers response was harsh and just pushed me further into my mess. Change only occurred when I was 17 and joined a church group that accepted me despite my awful behaviour and showed me a positive example of who I could be.

Harshness didn't help me. Kindness did.

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Yours sincerely,

Andrew Reeson  
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**From:** Julie Hislop <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 November 2021 11:56 AM  
**To:** South Brisbane Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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I taught 10 year old kids in Woodridge schools, I saw them grow into teenagers, some ending up in Juvenile Detention, then progressing to the adult system. The whole "criminal justice system" does not work. It's punitive and soul destroying, it releases people back into communities with no support, mental health issues and broken spirits.

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Yours sincerely,  
Julie Hislop

**From:** Kerry Lawrence <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 17 November 2021 7:44 AM  
**To:** Cooper Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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I am now 79, my children in their 50s and the youngest of my 6 grandchildren now 16. I have many, many memories of what it is like to be 10 - still with the Innocence of childhood. What has changed radically in our society since my own childhood is the impact of drugs.

So when my then 13 year old grandson was incarcerated in Juvenile Detention for misdemeanours caused by his Ice use and subsequent addiction, our whole family felt devastated. He is now 19 and in adult jail, having spent most of the intervening years, his whole teenager hood, in "Juvie". He is very soon due for release, but we all feel despairing of his ability to make the changes he needs to make to not go back inside yet again - because of the total lack of planned and organised rehabilitation options.

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Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Kerry Lawrence  
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**From:** Helen Spyrou <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 17 November 2021 8:24 AM  
**To:** Mundingburra Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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I have children who are 10 years old and I can't even begin to imagine how they or I would cope if they were imprisoned. Children go through critical developmental milestones at that age due to puberty and require empathy, understanding and professional medical support to be able to reach their potential and overcome any developmental barriers. For vulnerable children who have been exposed to years of generational disadvantage and subsequent abuse, they deserve much better than narrow-minded and draconian measures from the privileged few.

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Helen Spyrou

**From:** Eileen Clarke <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 17 November 2021 9:53 PM  
**To:** Hervey Bay Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Adrian Tantari MP,

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P.S I have already email submission to support this amendments to the Bill. I am 48 years old. If the Government does not agree to your BILL. I will challenge the government in the High Courts of Australia. Not only on this important matter but also other matters. I have initially completed over hundreds cases in the criminal justice system. I support your BILL PROPOSAL. EMAIL emclar@deakin.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,

Eileen Clarke

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**Sent:** Thursday, 18 November 2021 11:09 AM  
**To:** Glass House Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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My Daughter was 13 when she was caught up in a bullying online issue. She was incredibly sorry for her part and learnt a valuable lesson. She now protects others at her school when she becomes aware of bullying. I cannot imagine her being imprisoned for this. It would most likely lead to resentment and a life of crime, rather than the learning she acquired.

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**Sent:** Friday, 19 November 2021 11:50 AM  
**To:** Scott Stewart  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

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**Sent:** Friday, 19 November 2021 2:56 PM  
**To:** Ipswich West Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Change the age

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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14's

I believe all children, given the right opportunities have the ability to contribute positively to their communities. I was a straight-A, well behaved child growing up but I was very privileged, did not have access to drugs, had supportive family and community. These children (many of whom I meet as a youth worker) are the same as me or any other child, they just haven't been afforded the same opportunities and many have developmental concerns that staff in a juvenile detention centre are simply not equipped to solve. Please consider changing this law, to not only help change lives of these children but their families and their future children. (Some of the children I have met at this age already have their own)

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**From:** Anne Leondiou <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 November 2021 11:41 PM  
**To:** South Brisbane Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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A 10 year old is still a child. Although they may have been involved in an offence, locking them up in a detention centre is not the answer. They are more likely to be influenced by the older children there. It isn't addressing the problem, it's a short term, quick fix. Help is needed to prevent them from ending up in these situations. Some children in our detention centres live hours away, making it difficult for a parent to visit. I cannot imagine how soul destroying it would be for a young 10 year old to be not only locked up but unable to see their parent. Let's look at the other options that might lead them down a better path.

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Anne Leondiou



**From:** Rebecca Moser <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 21 November 2021 11:06 AM  
**To:** Clayfield Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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:

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\*INSERT YOUR PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE HERE - WHAT WERE YOU, OR A FAMILY MEMBER, LIKE AT 10?\* I was still playing with dolls and watching kids movies ,was happy to spend the weekend with my girlfriends.

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Rebecca Moser

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**Sent:** Sunday, 21 November 2021 9:13 PM  
**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

I am a mother of a ten year old CHILD. It's incomprehensible that detention as a criminal is possible when the evidence says otherwise very clearly.

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Yours sincerely,  
Julia Johnson

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**To:** Currumbin Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

I am 32 years old I work full time in the AOD/community services sector, have mortgage, pay taxes etc.. However, my childhood wasn't easy I am the daughter of 2 people who use drugs and to no fault of my own experienced significant childhood trauma.

I changed schools and houses more times than I can remember. I was also have been diagnosed with ADHD. I could have easily taken the wrong road and ended up breaking the law and in prison. What saved me was a few great role models in my life. Our young people need good role models and support and not punitive approaches.

They need to feel apart of our community and no isolated from it in custody. Once a young person gets a criminal recorded there chance of employment and acceptance from community is next to nothing.

A lot of young people with traumatic backgrounds suffer from mental health, FASD, NAS syndrome and behavioral issues that need expert intervention and support by specialized panels and not to be locked away and isolated. Connection is the cure for addiction not isolation.

I hope that you will be in support of this bill.

During the pandemic we hear out Politian's continue to talk about 'we are listening to the health advice from the experts' its about time they act on this with all areas and not just ones they choose too.

Here's something that hit home to too me, I hope this does for you also..

We want offenders to have self-worth, so we destroy their self-worth.

We want them to be responsible, so we take away all responsibilities.

We want them to learn to be part of our community, so we isolate them from our community.

We want them to be kind and loving people, so we subject them to hate and cruelty.

We want them to quit being the tough guy, so we put them where the tough guy is respected.

We want them to stop hanging around 'losers', so we put all the 'losers' in one state under the same roof.

We want them to be positive and constructive, so we degrade them and make them useless.

We want them to be trustworthy, so we put them where there is no trust.

We want them to be nonviolent, so we put them where there is violence all around them.

We want them to quit exploiting us, so we put them where they exploit each other.

We want them to take control of their lives, own their problems and stop being a parasite, so we make them totally dependent on us.

Judge Dennis A. Challeen, NZ

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**From:** John Williams <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 November 2021 10:08 AM  
**To:** Moggill Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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It is criminal that 10 years are held criminally liable, and you as a psychiatrist ought to know this better than any of your colleagues. Again you carry the burden of your profession as well as that of a MLA.

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**To:** Cooper Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

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While a proper understanding of a social conscience are starting to develop in my 10 and 13 year olds, I find it hard to believe they (or I at that age) should be held fully and legally responsible for their actions in the same way an adult is.

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Glyn Geoghegan

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**To:** Bancroft Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Christopher Whiting 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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**From:** Isabella Pennings <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 November 2021 2:26 PM  
**To:** Mark Furner  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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In the last year, I have been the victim of two break-ins by young offenders. Whilst I found it distressing, never in my life would I think it was worth for these children to go to juvie.

I have a young sister who is about to turn 10 years old, she doesn't even have the comprehension of the basics of how the world works. The fact that she could be imprisoned is horrifying.

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Isabella Pennings

**From:** Madeleine Shield <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 November 2021 2:27 PM  
**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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 I was reading the Twilight books for the first time and fretting about being asked to the school dance. 10 years old is way too young to be held responsible for wrongdoing - not to mention the fact that punitive measures only make things worse by motivating the child through fear of punishment rather than a genuine desire to do good in the world.

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Madeleine Shield

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**To:** South Brisbane Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

As a Mother of a 13, 11 and 8 year old boy, it scares me to think that they could be jailed for making a mistake. Their level of understanding of how huge their mistake is does not warrant jail time.

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**To:** Cooper Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
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I can imagine my life going very differently if I had the misfortune to be caught up in the criminal justice system as a minor. At various moments as a child, due to immaturity or peer pressure, I did stupid things, and could have easily imagine myself having done even more stupid things. Now, as I look back from a more settled position in life and matured mindset, I think how devastating it would have been to have those youthful indiscretions become determinative of my character and future. I am immensely glad to not have had the rest of my life substantially reshaped and opportunities stripped from me because of them. This experience is one that I wish for all. That's why this current legislation matters to me. To my mind, it is tremendously important to give children a chance to make mistakes without routing their life onto a track from which they cannot come back - not to mention that this system disproportionately targets Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander kids.

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**From:** Marilyn Wright <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 November 2021 4:50 PM  
**To:** Mansfield Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Corrine McMillan 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

I have a 10 year old grandson, and I am appalled to think that he could possibly enter the criminal justice system. However, he is from a white, middle-class household and therefore statistically unlikely to be involved as his family would hire lawyers. Sadly, it is the underprivileged and First Nations children who are caught up in these laws. And these are just the children who should be nurtured and helped with preventative measures to avoid contact with the punitive criminal justice system.

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**From:** Kevin Martin <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 November 2021 6:39 PM  
**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

As an ex foster carer who has supported nearly 100 looked after children I have experienced first-hand that full mental development is far from complete at age 10. A punitive response to criminal behaviour is not the answer. Services focussing on therapy, rehabilitation and support of a family and community support network are far more effective both in the short-term and for long-term life outcomes.

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**To:** Greenslopes Electorate Office  
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**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

Don't you remember being 10 years old, I was starting to read Harry Potter and hoping for my letter from hogwarts to arrive, I still believed in Santa Claus!

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**To:** Cooper Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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 do not have the capacity to make comprehensive judgement about risky behaviours, and are deeply susceptible to peer pressure or any factors such as an imperfect home life that may result in the pursuance of said behaviours. By raising the age of criminal responsibility, it is more likely that these children will receive the help that they actually need, in the form of a support system of therapists, psychologists, social workers or any other professional necessary.

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Elliot Bailey

**From:** John van Grieken <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 November 2021 10:06 PM  
**To:** Hill Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

A 10- to 13-year-old child who has done wrong in our society is not a criminal, but a young person who has grown up in misleading circumstances. They have not been treated with care and moral guidance by their family or their community. They may have an undiagnosed mental illness or may suffer from the trauma of abuse. They may be rebellious, but they are not criminals in the sense that many adults are criminals. They must not be imprisoned. What they need at that age is sensitive and caring guidance; shown respect as immature human beings (even though they have done wrong); and their grievances must be listened to and understood, so that they can see that people and society cares about them. Moreover, the whole community of disadvantaged people in which many of these young offenders grow up need multifaceted social support to improve health, welfare, employment, housing and recreation opportunities.

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**From:** Ravindi Herath <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 November 2021 11:35 PM  
**To:** Mansfield Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Corrine McMillan MP,

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

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**Sent:** Thursday, 25 November 2021 8:16 AM  
**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

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I belong to Riverlife Baptist church which has been going into Brisbane Detention Centre for several years to minister to youngsters. I've written letters to a child there who is under 14 and his letters are like those of a five year old. He has various difficulties in life but is a Christian and just made some mistakes. My son is 12 so I'm very aware of how immaturity and peer pressure can make an insecure child do the wrong thing but it should never result in permanently damaging their future. When they come out there is no support system for them to be nurtured and find their place back in society.

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Pamela Abrey

**From:** brielle ensby <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 November 2021 8:33 AM  
**To:** Oodgeroo Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Mark Robinson MP,

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**To:** Mt Ommaney Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Jessica Pugh MP,

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Like most ten year olds I would not have been capable of understanding the seriousness of misdemeanors nor have been capable of taking responsibility. Most infringements at that age, like stealing food because you're hungry, are probably minor and should not even be subjected to or punished by law.

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Yours sincerely,  
Margaret Ferguson

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**Sent:** Thursday, 25 November 2021 2:32 PM  
**To:** Shannon Fentiman  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Shannon Fentiman MP,

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

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Queensland's current laws, which allow 10 year old children to be imprisoned, are out of line with international jurisdictions, in breach of our human rights obligations, and not even working to keep the community safe. Current practices can cause immense harm to the mental health and wellbeing and are inhumane.

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The Human Rights Act 2019 commits the Queensland Government to create a human rights culture in Queensland. I don't believe such culture would allow children in prisons and watch-house.

I hope Labor will live up to its commitments and not use youth crime in Townsville to play the "tough on crime" game to win/keep seats in the North.

Yours sincerely,  
Dr Stefan Preissler

**From:** Anna Erskine <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 November 2021 5:45 PM  
**To:** Hill Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

I work with young people every day in my profession and it concerns me that these young people can end up in prison. They are still so young. They still play imaginary games, talk about what their favourite colour is with passion and are not truly capable of looking after themselves.

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Yours sincerely,  
Anna Erskine

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**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

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**From:** Maria Macdonald <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 November 2021 5:23 AM  
**To:** Burdekin Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Dale Last MP,

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**From:** Khal Morganlowe <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 November 2021 9:51 AM  
**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

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When I was ten years old I had no sense of criminality, I did know good and bad, but had no idea of the implications and repercussions of my actions.

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**From:** David Singleton <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 November 2021 12:18 PM  
**To:** Burleigh Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Hart MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, and all Queensland Members of Parliament.

I feel I must comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

I am shocked to learn that Queensland's current laws, which allow 10 year old children to be imprisoned, are out of line with international jurisdictions, in breach of our human rights obligations, and are certainly not working to keep the community safe.

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**From:** Ruth Hubbard <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 November 2021 5:41 PM  
**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

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

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Young children are not criminals. They have grown up in unfotruate envononments not of their making.

Yours sincerely,  
Ruth Hubbard

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**From:** Annette Philp <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 November 2021 9:21 AM  
**To:** Glass House Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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When I was 10 years old (60 yrs ago) my father died suddenly. My dear mum was devastated and could hardly get out of bed for a few months. Fortunately she had trained my younger sisters and I to be able to almost cope with this situation but I can imagine how some kids might 'go off the rails'. There was no Gov support and I think there's still very little these days. I can't imagine what it would be like for 10 yr old me to have been imprisoned. I was already severely traumatised and to be imprisoned through no real fault of my own is a horrific thought. I also have grandchildren and feel sickened by the thought that they or any of their friends could, at 10 years of age, be imprisoned. This is insanity to think that this is ok!! You surely must be appalled that this could happen to your children or any of their schoolmates at 10 years young.

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**From:** Ollie Conti <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 November 2021 10:13 AM  
**To:** Aspley Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Bart Mellish MP,

To the Community Support and Services Committee, and Bart Mellish, 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

At 10-years-old, I was in year 5. I didn't know what algebra was and couldn't write an essay. I knew almost nothing about the wider world; I definitely didn't know who the prime minister was at the time. As so, so many psychologists and other experts have said, putting children this young in prison does so much harm with no benefit. The current system is hurting our children. It is wasting money that could go to important social services that improve people's lives.

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**From:** Lorelle Sellick <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 November 2021 10:22 AM  
**To:** David Crisafulli  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

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Having volunteered for many years with Protect All Children Today (PACT) I have witnessed the most dreadful court scenes involving young children and the effect that has on families.

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**Sent:** Saturday, 27 November 2021 10:37 AM  
**To:** Mark Furner  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

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Ewen Heathdale

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**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
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**Sent:** Saturday, 27 November 2021 11:42 AM  
**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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I can't imagine what mental horrors a child of 10 to 13 years old must suffer when confined within the penal justice system. At those ages I was totally unaware of the real implications of my actions. I was fortunate to live in a stable family that modelled generally good behaviour and the mischief I got into was, fortunately, not sufficient to bring me into conflict with the law. If my family situation had not been so supportive I could easily have been led into serious trouble.

I now have grandsons who are 11 and 12 years old. One is on the autism spectrum and he has difficulty in abiding by regulations that irk him. I can see how easily he could be drawn into trouble with the law if he encounters bad influencers. In that case, punitive treatment would certainly worsen his behaviour when what would be required would be appropriate psychological support and therapy.

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Colin Apelt  
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**From:** Darryl Nelson <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 November 2021 11:52 AM  
**To:** Bancroft Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Christopher Whiting MP,

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

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**Sent:** Saturday, 27 November 2021 12:09 PM  
**To:** David Crisafulli  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

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**From:** Col Burg <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 November 2021 12:49 PM  
**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

As a 10 or 12 year old I did some BAD thins (\*breating into houses under construction, paddling in a pool of milk (at the Musswellbrook factory - being evaporated to make powdered milk) while it was unattended at the weekend, throwing stones at others (also using a 'shang eye'), putting pennies on a goods railinel to get a flattened 'penny' after a goods train ran over it, drank beer at my father's (several occasions) hotel, stealing (small 'stuff' from Woolworths), breaking into Bunnerong Power Station (while unattended), & so on

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**From:** Michael Chanas <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 November 2021 1:40 PM  
**To:** Coomera Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Change the way we Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Michael Crandon 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

Children need support and not punishment at this early age, notably there are 20% of Australia's children live in poverty, and this has consequences. We need to change the way we treat kids - they are still kids.

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**From:** Sono Weatherall <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 November 2021 3:17 PM  
**To:** Leanne Linard  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

As someone who has run workshops for youth at the local detention centre and also ran church services over a number of years I have been in contact with children as young as 10 years old within the centre in Brisbane.

This is no place for a child and I do believe you need to work with children around their trauma instead of locking them away behind cement and bars. Connection is the biggest part of healing trauma and by having youth as young as 10 in a place where they have no connection to the outside world, family and friends and culture they will not be able to heal from the trauma. You need to look at the root issues as to why these children are offending and work with the issues at the core.

As an Aboriginal woman I understand the impacts experiences of Intergenerational trauma have on our young people and sometimes are the affects of our broken homes today. You need to fund First Nations locally led initiatives that are created authentically by us for us. There are some amazing models for youth programs in communities created, run and operated all by First Nations. I believe you need to get these models that are working affectively and let these models of care be introduced in other Aboriginal communities where they can be tailored specifically to meet the needs of that community. There are a lot of passionate First Nations people in our communities who are caring, leading and providing healing spaces. Please listen to us to suggest alternative solutions instead of locking our young people up.

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**From:** Tristan Lewis <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 November 2021 3:26 PM  
**To:** Clayfield Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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:

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Yours sincerely,  
Tristan Lewis

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**From:** Joan McVilly <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 November 2021 4:20 PM  
**To:** Glass House 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 Andrew Powell MP,

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

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When I was 12 my biggest decision was about how to keep my guinea pig in its cage. I understand kids that age can be badly behaved but locking them up is ridiculous.

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**Sent:** Saturday, 27 November 2021 4:40 PM  
**To:** Currumbin Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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:

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**From:** Suzette Markwell <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 November 2021 5:15 PM  
**To:** Mermaid Beach Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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:

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I was shocked and disgusted that 10 yr old children can be imprisoned. This is no way to heal these children.

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Suzette Markwell

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**From:** Danielle Mutton <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 November 2021 7:20 PM  
**To:** Ipswich West Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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Yours sincerely,  
Danielle Mutton

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**To:** Lytton Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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:  
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**To:** Mt Ommaney Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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:

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10 to 14 year old children are just that - children. We need a better system to support such children who may not have positive role models and family support if they do the wrong thing. I hate and abhor the fact that so many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are in detention and have such high suicide rates.

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**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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I cannot even imagine how Queensland can consider that it is part of an advanced society when it allows this situation to continue. We should be ashamed. Young people can sadly do some terrible things however their level of responsibility cannot be equated to an older person and they need to be helped to become a better member of society. Go your hardest Michael.

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**To:** McConnel Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** From Holstein Wong: 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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I can't imagine what my life would be like if I was tried via a criminal justice system at 13 years old. My cousin is 11 and he is still learning about appropriate social behaviour.

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**Sent:** Sunday, 28 November 2021 6:00 PM  
**To:** Leanne Linard  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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I grew up in a financially and emotionally secure family and still played up below the age of 14. Imprisoning kids does more harm than good.

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**From:** Margid Bryn-Burns <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, 29 November 2021 12:41 PM  
**To:** Oodgeroo Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Mark Robinson 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 an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

And, I do so as a woman with four younger brothers - two youngest 15 & 19 years younger than me. I've raised 3 sons and been a hand-on-grandmother of four grandsons. My best credentials.

What truly saddens me Mark, is that I'm here doing this. Truly! How could it be that in our nation in late 2021 that I'm here feeling absolutely obliged to make some effort in changing - what is such obviously bad legislation. My god some young ones have a lousy start in life and we help them to make changes by locking them up? Any wonder we have the highest incarceration rates of the OECD. Please as my representative do whatever you can to change this present law. Thank-you.

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Margid Bryn-Burns



**From:** Tabitha Cleaves <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, 29 November 2021 4:22 PM  
**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

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A 10 year old has so much learning happening, don't make that learning about being apathetic and making more mistakes because "what's the point?" If they believe they will be disadvantaged for life and aren't getting the help they need, of their already limited inhibition capacity they have even less inhibition to be more trouble. A child has an even harder time than an adult regulating emotions and having clear decision making processes. Give them hope by giving them help. Please.

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**Sent:** Monday, 29 November 2021 10:44 PM  
**To:** Moggill Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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There are moments in history when a community can reflect with collective conscience and say, "we got it right". When lives are made better, people are brought closer together, and the future looks brighter. The opportunity presented by this Bill offers such a moment. The choice, then, is to close your eyes, pretend it isn't important and deny our young people a kinder, safer pathway into adulthood. Or to embrace change and be part of getting it right.

We make mistakes. When we are young we make a lot of them. And sometimes those mistakes are stupid. Errors driven by a brain that is not yet developed enough to self-correct. But for most of us, those errors do not define us. We move on. Maybe even forget them entirely. And we can step, with minimal scarring, out of that juvenile brain and into an adult one. But that is next to impossible when instead of healing and correcting in a community who understands us and knows, through an eternity of wisdom, the things that fix, if instead of that we are shut away, taught that we are not free, overpowered, and made to feel worthless. Juvenile incarceration does that. It redirects a young person away from the possibility of healing and towards hopelessness and isolation. For too many young people, and for far too many from First Nations communities, this is the path they are placed on. And it is not ok. Put simply, children younger than 14 years should not be placed in prisons. That they are is wrong and it is time it changed.

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**From:** Kay Boulden <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 November 2021 9:55 AM  
**To:** Noosa Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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:

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s.

As a parent, as a grandparent, and as someone whose career has been spent in education, a significant part of it in remote indigenous communities, I cannot conceive of a more retrograde, a more detrimental step than the introduction of such legislation.

Nothing is more likely to entrench alienation, self-harm, and destructive behaviours than imprisoning young people.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 November 2021 10:48 AM  
**To:** McConnel Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Support: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

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I was arrested in class at the age of 11. As a special education student, I had been in a fight with an able student who had picked on me a few weeks prior; I was arrested, he was not. While the case was not pursued, it was traumatising, humiliating, and served the designed purpose of putting me in my place by giving me a completely different outcome for the same "crime" (in fact, it was a fight completely instigated by the non-disabled student, something known to the teacher at the time). Obviously, weeks after the fact there was no situation to de-escalate and no reason to arrest one student except to be punitive.

Besides my experience with arrest, at the age of 10 I was restrained and secluded nearly every day at school. I was locked in a dark, urine-soaked cell for 6 or more hours a day, every day for months. I injured myself hitting my body against the cell, and my head against the floor while I was held down by adults who had free reign to touch and hold my body for any perceived infraction. I was not perceived to have societal value or that I would do anything with my life, only that I was something that would need to be managed.

These experiences create trauma and ensure it is more likely that disabled children will end up in the criminal justice system for life, or at least, will have to deal with mental health trauma on top of our innate disabilities, making it less likely we will be able to live independently.

While these experiences happened in my home country of the United States (which has an even lower age of criminal responsibility), they are common experiences for disabled children in this country.

In Australia, the majority of incarcerated children are disabled. A study of the only juvenile detention facility in WA found 89% of incarcerated youth had neurodevelopmental disabilities and 36% had FASD (Bower et al., 2018). In NSW, 87% of incarcerated children have a significant mental health disability according to the Australian Law Reform Commission.

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**From:** Frances Long <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 November 2021 1:18 PM  
**To:** Stirling Hinchliffe  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Stirling Hinchliffe MP,

I'd like to comment on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s. This is a matter of basic human rights.

Queensland's current laws, which allow 10 year old children to be imprisoned, are out of line with international jurisdictions, in breach of our human rights obligations, and not even working to keep the community safe.

Medical and criminological evidence shows that a therapeutic and diversionary response is far more effective than a criminal one for young children. Children arrested before the age of 14 are three times more likely to reoffend as adults than children arrested after they're 14 years old.

In addition to supporting the Raising the Age of Responsibility Bill, I urge you to support an independent review of service availability and gaps for children under 14 in Queensland, similar to the process undertaken by the ACT Government to raise the age.

A new model for children under 14 should include:

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We must act now to disrupt cycles of disadvantage and trauma in the criminal legal system. Please support a new, evidence-based approach that treats children like children, not criminals.

Yours sincerely,  
Frances Long

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 November 2021 1:24 PM  
**To:** Moggill Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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:

Thank you very much for offering me the opportunity of commenting on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021, and express my support for an alternative, non-punitive model for under-14s. I am in total support of the bill which advocates:

1. Raising the minimum age at which a person is criminally responsible for any act or omission from 10 to 14 years old, meaning 10-13 year olds cannot be sent to prison; and
2. For a child who committed an offence before they were 14, provides for:
  - Their release from detention or a police watch house;
  - Ending and preventing any proceedings or orders against them for the offence;
  - Expunging their criminal history; and
  - Destroying their identifying particulars like fingerprints and DNA samples.

At 10 I was an innocent child, full of hopes and dreams for my future and most definitely unable to understand the finer points of law. At 45 I study design and sociology at QUT and am fully aware of the issues in debate. I am also a parent of an 11 and 13 year old and on considering the reality of incarceration on either of them, I know the permanent trauma and devastation this would cause to their young, hopeful and precious lives at such a young age.

Queensland's current laws, which allow 10 year old children to be imprisoned, are out of line with international jurisdictions, in breach of our human rights obligations, and not even working to keep the community safe.

Medical and criminological evidence shows that a therapeutic and diversionary response is far more effective than a criminal one for young children. Children arrested before the age of 14 are three times more likely to reoffend as adults than children arrested after they're 14 years old. Troublingly, Queensland locks up more children than any other state and without trial.

In addition to supporting the Raising the Age of Responsibility Bill, I urge you to support an independent review of service availability and gaps for children under 14 in Queensland, similar to the process undertaken by the ACT Government to raise the age.

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- Tailored, therapeutic wrap-around services to respond to serious harmful behaviour

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Responsibility is disproportionately destroying the lives of and traumatising Indigenous children, the current system is racist, racially biased and may deliberately or inadvertently contributing to a slow genocide of the Aboriginal peoples in Australia.

There is no lack of money in the system as on average the state is spending \$100,000 per year incarcerating each child and it will be fascinating to study whose pockets this money is lining. Children's childhoods are not currency and are not for sale.

We must act now to disrupt cycles of disadvantage and trauma in the criminal legal system. Please support a new, evidence-based approach that treats children like children, not criminals and stops embarrassing Australia on the international stage. Thank you for taking the time to read this submission.

Yours sincerely,  
Bria LAUREN

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**From:** Narelle Young <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 November 2021 1:37 PM  
**To:** Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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Yours sincerely,  
Narelle Young

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 November 2021 2:21 PM  
**To:** Moggill Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: 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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As a parent I am extremely concerned that this has not been amended sooner.

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Steven Fullagar

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**To:** Everton Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Timothy Mander MP,

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

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Yours sincerely,  
Julie Moore

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 November 2021 7:38 PM  
**To:** Anastacia Palaszcuk  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Treat kids as kids: Submission on the Criminal Law (Raising the Age of Responsibility) Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Anastacia Palaszcuk MP,

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Yours sincerely,  
Robyn Bell

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