

## Community Support and Services Committee

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I would like to add my voice to those who support the raising of the age of criminal responsibility from 10 years to 14 years.

There is enough evidence to support the view that a young person's mind is not capable of making rational decisions that might/could/do impact on their lives forever.

There is enough evidence to support the view that the current system of punishment for young offenders does nothing more than direct many to a life of crime.

There is enough evidence to support the view that the only reason why well informed politicians would not recognise this is because they are in thrall to mindless, revenge driven solutions.

I don't want 10 year olds punished for something they can not comprehend.

When will governments realise that continuing to do something that they know does not work is bad policy.

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