

Community Support and Services Committee

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Sent: Monday, 29 November 2021 3:16 PM
To: Shannon Fentiman
Cc: Community Support and Services Committee; Maiwar Electorate Office
Subject: Submission: 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:

I strongly support this Bill to Raise the Age of Responsibility to 14 years of age. As an Aboriginal woman, mother and grandmother I've raised my children and have provided extended care to children of relatives, as needed. I've counselled children in the 10 to 14 years age bracket through difficulties they were experiencing and am glad to say they all avoided peer pressures and temptations to get into trouble and ruin their lives.

I encourage Queensland Ministers to support alternative options to intervene and assist children to accept and develop their responsibility and envision their greater potentials, rather than place them in jail cells and expect them to overcome the additional difficulties of having a criminal record.

Yours sincerely,
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