



NEW FUTURES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Committee Secretary
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Parliament House
George St
Brisbane Qld 4000

10th July 2019

Re: Youth Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 - Submission

Dear Sir/Madam

Brisbane Youth Service would like to commend the government on the changes it is making to the *Youth Justice Act 1992*, the *Bail Act 1980* and the *Police Powers & Responsibilities Act 2000*.

As an primary provider of services and support to vulnerable young people in Brisbane, and as a member of the Youth Justice Strategy Reference Group, we wholeheartedly support new initiatives and legal reforms that aim to:

1. reduce young people's incarceration in Queensland (in particular in QPS watch houses),
2. enable more young people to be granted bail and support in the community,
3. enhance information sharing practices between government and non-government agencies, and
4. increase access for the Office of the Public Guardian's community visitor program to provide support to young people involved with Youth Justice.

We look forward to working with partners in the community/youth sectors, DCSYW and the new Department of Youth Justice to ensure young people in our community have the best chance to create new futures, despite the challenges and trauma that may have led to them having an interaction with the justice system.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Di Mahoney".

Di Mahoney
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Service Delivery Director

cc. Annemaree Callander CEO