



**Youth Justice (Boot Camp  
Orders) & Other Legislation  
Amendment Bill 2012  
Submission 053**

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Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee  
Parliament House, George Street  
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Dear Mr Hopper

Thank you for your letter dated 2 November 2012 inviting me to consider the Youth Justice (Boot Camp Orders) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 (the Bill).

I have considered the Bill and generally support the establishment of Youth Boot Camp Orders as an additional diversionary option to sentencing young people to a period of detention. I also welcome the proposal for a two year trial of the youth camp diversion program as it will potentially offer valuable insights into the program's effectiveness in diverting young people away from the criminal justice system.

To assist in achieving transparency and promoting public confidence in the use of youth boot camps as a diversionary option I am of the view that the Bill should allow for the Commission's Community Visitors to visit young people attending youth boot camp fixed residential facilities.

I also recommend that provision be made to authorise the Commission to deal with complaints from young people attending youth boot camp residential facilities, and during the community supervision and from young people receiving services under the early intervention youth boot camp program.

Should you require any further information, please contact Ms Adrienne Schneider on [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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**Commissioner for Children and Young People  
and Child Guardian**