

## Youth Justice Reform Select Committee inquiry into youth justice reform in Queensland

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### Submitter Comments:

I believe that we are being reactive to the issues of youth crime. Investment in the beginning stages of life is where the support needs to occur. When a person becomes pregnant, there needs to be support from their until the child is in at least Grade 1. The parents need to be supported to identify service providers that can assist, understand the complexities of parenting, know there is no shame to asking for help, knowing that services care and are available, able to assist with navigating the Centrelink system, the daycare and kindy system and the school system. There is so much to parenthood that is not discussed and if someone has not had the positive role models or the assistance provided it is easy to understand why their parenting model may be lacking. Highly socially compliant people struggle with parent hood, you can only imagine how someone that has had no positive role models and support struggle. There is too much reaction to current crime without investing in the prevention and early intervention. Pride in self and culture needs to be supported and celebrated. For all cultures, and unbiased support needs to be provided.