

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

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Children as young as 10 years old should not be behind bars. I therefore present this submission addressing some of the points as to why I believe we should cease jailing children immediately.

- Jailing children causes harm. By jailing children, you are adding to intergenerational trauma, especially if they are Aboriginal.
- Jailing children is a waste of public money. Why not redirect this money to a program that works.
- Jailing children disadvantages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Much like First Nations adults, Aboriginal children are also over represented in Jails.
- I have relatives in Queensland or may in the future. People who have been in jail move around the country so thereby increasing the potential for harm and cost to other states and territories. Therefore, this is a National issue.
- Jailing children is a human rights issue.

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