

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

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Dear Ms Bolton

Youth Justice Reform in Queensland

The Returned and Services League Queensland Branch (RSL Queensland) is the largest ex-service organisation in Queensland. We provide practical support, assistance, advice, commemoration and camaraderie to current and former Australian Defence Force members and their families across the state. Our network of services, sub-branches and members spans metropolitan, regional and remote areas of the state.

RSL Queensland welcomes the Committee's inquiry to examine ongoing reforms to the youth justice system and support for victims of crimes. Like many Queenslanders, the impact of youth crime is of increasing concern to our members and the wider veteran community.

With reference to the Priority areas for Phase 2 of the inquiry; the emphasis on children and young people's transition back into the community is an area in which we believe that experience and expertise of veterans and their families can be leveraged.

Veterans are respected and valued members of our Queensland community. They model behaviours that we want to see in abundance across our communities – respect, mateship and readiness to help others. Each veteran has their own lived experience of transitioning back into community.

RSL Queensland has begun to explore opportunities to support and engage with the Queensland Government's Transition 2 Success program, including how our members across the state can locally

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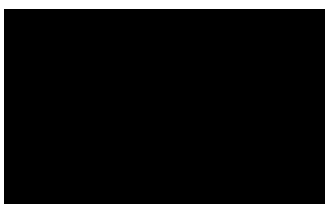
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support vocational training and mentoring for young people who are involved in the youth justice system. While it is very early in the process, I wanted to share this engagement with the committee to inform the inquiry and to put on record the sustained commitment of RSL Queensland to support our wider Queensland communities, children and young people.

I wish the Committee well in progressing the inquiry. If you require further information about the issues raised in this letter please contact Nina MacKenzie, Head of Government Relations,



Yours sincerely



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