



Premier Minns Open Letter re youth justice

Dear Premier,

We the undersigned organisations write to you regarding the recent changes to the Bail Act for children and young people.

We strongly advocate for keeping young people in community with the proper supports - removing them from this will be counterproductive. Young people need more targeted services with stable funding rather than incarceration.

In a deliberative process with the Youth Sector and with young people, we have set out a series of recommendations in our recent report A Fair Go for Young People for you to enact so young people can get the outcomes that we all strive for as we transition to adult life.

The key recommendations are to ensure all young people have access to targeted supports by allocating an additional \$52 million to expand youth service delivery by:

- Setting up 5 new youth hubs to strengthen targeted community supports;
- Further support the 10 hubs currently operating and;
- The establishment of a state-wide working group on young people doing it tough, particularly those made vulnerable by poverty, the out of home care system, conflict with the law and homelessness.

Young people and the youth sector are calling for urgent investment in supports for young people doing it tough, particularly safe spaces that are opened after 6.30pm with both programs and individualised support and lastly for those hubs currently at risk of closing to get an urgent investment of funds.

As the changes are now law, we would welcome an opportunity to discuss programs and investments for young people and to work with you to monitor the affects of the changes on young people.

Yours sincerely,

Signatories as of 14/06/2024

- Centre 360
- Housing Plus
- KYUP! Project
- African Youth Initiative Centres Ltd
- AbSec – NSW Child, Family and Community Peak Aboriginal Corporation
- Wayside Chapel
- Streetwork Australia Limited
- Chain Reaction Foundation
- Visual Dreaming
- Saints Care Ltd
- Platform Youth Services
- Australian Childhood Foundation
- Mountains Youth Services Team
- YP Space Mid North Coast
- Domestic Violence NSW
- New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties
- Shelter NSW
- TJV Consulting

- Local Community Services Association
- Willoughby City Council
- Yfoundations
- The Association for the Wellbeing of Children in Healthcare
- 54 reasons part of Save the Children Australia
- The Association of the Wellbeing of Children in Healthcare
- Fire to Flourish
- The Salvation Army
- Talent RISE
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy Australia
- The Y NSW
- Coast Shelter
- Camden Council
- Street Industries Inc.
- Taree Universities Campus Ltd
- BACKTRACK YOUTHWORKS
- Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District
- Multicultural Communities Council of Illawarra Ltd
- Marrickville Legal Centre
- Cowra Information and Neighbourhood Centre
- Democracy Matters
- Redwoods Work Collaborative
- Plena Health & Counselling
- KinHub
- The Burdekin Association
- Weave Youth & Community Services
- NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS)
- East Lake Macquarie Allambi Care
- Wyong Neighbourhood Centre Inc

- Justice Reform Initiative
- Ngaruki Gulgul Central School
- The Shopfront Youth Legal Centre
- Kogarah Community Services
- The Centre for Impact & Change
- Wellington Information and Neighbourhood Services
- Southeast Women and Children Services
- Planet Youth Lithgow consortium
- CREATE Foundation
- YEP Careers Pty Ltd
- Life Without Barriers
- Stepping Stone House
- Outloud
- Deadly Connections
- GB Community Services
- Hawkesbury Community Service Inc
- LocalKind Northern Beaches
- Thrive Counselling and Psychotherapy Services
- Belong Blue Mountains
- SydWest Multicultural Services
- Child and Adolescent Specialist Programs and Accommodation (CASPA)
- Ozharvest
- St Francis Social Services
- Just Reinvest NSW
- ACT Disability, Aged and Carer Advocacy Service (ADACAS)
- The Junction Works
- North Sydney Council
- E.S Emojong Consultancy
- Yes Unlimited

- Liverpool Council
- City of Parramatta Council
- Challenge Community
- Multicultural Youth Affairs Network NSW
- Women's Shelter Armidale
- Share the Spark Inc.
- Midjuburi Youth Resource Centre
- Regional Youth Development Opportunities Network (RYDON)
- Live it Up Pty Ltd
- LINKS Youth Support Service
- Women's Justice Network
- JUSTICE ACTION
- Rufftrack
- Tenterfield Social Development Committee
- Auburn Youth Centre
- Cheltenham Girls' High School
- Mission Australia
- Barnardos Australia
- Headspace Tamworth
- Launchpad Youth Community
- NED Foundation
- Youth Off The Streets
- Regional Youth Support Services Inc
- Black Dog Institute
- Veritas House
- Change the Cycle
- APM
- CALM Inc.
- Remote Village

- Blacktown Area Community Centres Inc.
- Andrew Cummings Training and Consultancy
- Fams
- Humanity Matters
- Gilgandra Shire Council
- Wollongong City Council/Wollongong Youth Services
- Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC)

