

Social Policy Scrutiny Committee  
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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

Re: Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

We are providing this submission to the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee on the 'Youth Justice Bill'

We are the strong grandmother's group of the central Desert Region

We are focused to connecting with our youth currently in detention, addressing the recommendations from the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Aboriginal Youth in the Northern Territory and other social justice issues confronting Indigenous children, youth and their families and who are dealing with immediate and complex situations within the youth justice system of the Northern Territory.

Our role is Apmereke Artweye first nations grandmother's from Central Australia Alice Springs

Our language lore and culture are strong and has never changed  
We speak up strong for our families  
We have done this for our children grandchildren and for our future

First nations children and youths are important to us because they are our future and are the next generation of leaders

We want the committee to hear and know our views on the Youth Justice Bill

We recommend to the committee the following on what should be the Youth Justice Bill

1. Children should be in COUNTRY not in CUSTODY
2. NO children should be punishable under the age of 12
3. NO detention to children
4. Children to be released in care of families on country
5. Youth Justice services must work together with families
6. Breach of bail to be scrapped
7. NO police CELL
8. NO children to be arrested after hours
9. Interpreter services to be available at all times for families

10. NO closed door courts

We thank the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee for consideration of the Grandmothers of the Central Desert Region submission.

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