

6th June 2012

Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Re. Inquiry into Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (National Children's Commissioner) Bill 2012

Dear Committee,

The MYAN would like to formally endorse the attached submission from children and youth organisations (listed below) to the Inquiry into Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (National Children's Commissioner) Bill 2012.

This submission has been jointly developed by:

- UnitingCare Australia
- Australian Youth Affairs Coalition
- Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth
- Plan – Australia National Office
- Family Relationship Services Australia
- UNICEF Australia
- Save the Children, and
- Families Australia

The MYAN is the recognised national policy and advocacy body representing migrant and newly arrived young people, in order to advance their rights and interests. Established in 2005 in response to an identified need for a coordinated national advisory and advocacy network for multicultural youth issues, the MYAN is auspiced by the Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) in Victoria. The MYAN works in partnership with government and non-government agencies at the state/territory and national levels to ensure that the particular needs of multicultural young people are recognised and appropriate responses developed.

The MYAN welcomes the Australian Government's tabling of the Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (National Children's Commissioner) Bill 2012. In particular, we congratulate the government on their continuing commitment to prioritising and promoting the rights, wellbeing and development of Australia's children and young people.

Yours faithfully,

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