

7 June 2012  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee

[Inquiry into Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment \(National Children's Commissioner\) Bill 2012](#)

Youth Off The Streets Ltd welcomes the Australian Government's tabling of the Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (National Children's Commissioner) Bill 2012, and commends the Australian Government's commitment to promoting awareness and discussion of issues affecting children, including conducting research and education programs, consulting directly with children and representative organisations, and examining Commonwealth legislation, policies and programs that relate to children's human rights.

We as a nation need to take responsibility for the protection and rights of our children and young people. Youth Off The Streets supports young people who are working to turn their lives around and overcome immense personal traumas such as neglect, physical, psychological and emotional abuse. After 38 years experience working with youth, I know we are facing a massive problem regarding the abuse and protection of our young people.

As Founder and CEO of Youth Off The Streets, I endorse the NGO consortium's submission and will ensure Youth Off The Streets continues to actively advocate for the rights and protection for all young Australians.

Yours faithfully

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Founder & Chief Executive Officer

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