

**Committee Secretary** Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600 By email: legcon.sen@aph.gov.au

**Dear Committee** 

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

We welcome the Australian Government's tabling of the Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (National Children's Commissioner) Bill 2012 and believe that this move will provide a coordinated national approach to promoting and protecting the needs and rights of young Australians, in particular vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people.

The Association of Children's Welfare Agencies (ACWA) is the NSW peak body representing non-government agencies providing direct services to vulnerable children and young people, and their families.

ACWA was a contributor in the NGO roundtables and endorsed the NGO Sector Position Paper. We similarly endorse the submission prepared by the NGO Consortium. Both their submission and the NGO Sector Position Paper are attached for your information.

To discuss any of these details further, please contact me on

Yours sincerely

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