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

Dear Committee,

YMCA Australia would like to voice its strong support of the NGO Consortium's submission into Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (National Children's Commissioner) Bill 2012 June 2012.

YMCA Australia congratulates the government on this initiative and is excited about the continued vision and prioritisation the government is showing in promoting the rights and wellbeing of Australia's children and young people.

With over a 150 years of experience of working with Australian children and young people to empower them, provide safe environments and opportunity for their development, the YMCA supports the National Children's Commissioner's role by acknowledging the importance this role will have at the Federal Level to support outcomes for children and young people.

The YMCA has been an active participant in the NGO consortium's discussions and supports the paper they have delivered to the Inquiry. The YMCA wishes to thank the organisations who have helped to drive and convene the consortium.

Yours sincerely,

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