

## Submission to the Select Committee on Youth Justice

This is a submission to the NSW inquiry into the **youth justice system**.

CRC believes the youth justice system should focus on **supporting children**, not punishing them.

Many children interact with the criminal legal system because of **unfair social conditions**, including:

- Racism
- The ongoing impacts of colonisation
- Homelessness
- Disability discrimination
- Poverty and lack of support

CRC says these root causes must be addressed to keep children safe and out of prison.

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