



## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### Submissions to Queensland's Youth Detention Review released

The Commissioners of Queensland's Youth Detention Review commenced to progressively release 18 submissions received from stakeholders.

Commissioner Ms Kathryn McMillan QC, said that while the closing date for submissions was 31 October 2016, the date was extended by a few days at the request of some organisations.

"We felt it was important to approve an extension of time for key stakeholders who requested it to ensure they could give full and proper consideration to their submissions," Ms McMillan said.

"Whilst we acknowledge that some of the submissions encompass issues outside the Review's terms of reference, we have released as many as possible in the interests of accountability and transparency.

"We anticipate there will be significant public interest in the issues raised in the submissions."

Co-chair Professor Megan Davis said there were a number of submissions that could not be publicly released for reasons of confidentiality.

"It is important for the Review to balance the expectations of the community in making submissions publicly available against the need to protect sensitive information provided in confidence," Professor Davis said.

"We hope this gives the public, and key stakeholders, continued confidence that where sensitive information is provided to the Review, it will be handled appropriately."

The stakeholder submissions will be made progressively available on the Review's website at <https://www.youthdetentionreview.qld.gov.au/>

The submissions to be released, are:

1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (QLD) Ltd (ATSILS)
2. Amnesty International
3. Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (ALHR)
4. Just Reinvest NSW
5. Mental Health and Statewide Services, Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service (MHHS CHQHH)
6. Mission Australia
7. Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services WA
8. Office of the Public Guardian, Queensland
9. Protect All Children Today (PACT)
10. Queensland Network of Alcohol & Other Drug Agencies Ltd (QNADA)

11. Queensland Ombudsman
12. Queensland University of Technology (QUT) - School of Psychology & Counselling
13. Sisters Inside
14. Together Union
15. Yourtown
16. Youth Advocacy Centre Inc
17. Youth Affairs Network of Queensland
18. Youth Empowered Towards Independence (YETI) – redacted version

**Note to news desks**

Due to file sizes, submissions will be progressively uploaded to the [Youth Detention Review's website](#)

If you require copies of submissions not yet available on the website, these can be requested by emailing Media & Communications Manager Alison Brown on: [Alison.brown@youthdetentionreview.qld.gov.au](mailto:Alison.brown@youthdetentionreview.qld.gov.au) or by calling 0436 013758.