



ACT HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION

Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Health, Community and Social Services
ACT Legislative Assembly
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Dear Secretary

Inquiry into Provision of Social Housing

Earlier this year the Children & Young People Commissioner conducted an Inquiry into the Youth Justice System in the ACT, and the Human Rights & Discrimination Commissioner conducted a Human Rights Audit of Bimberi Youth Justice Centre.

The Commissioners produced a joint report, which was presented to the Attorney General on 29 July 2011, and tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly.

Chapter 11 of the report is titled 'Housing: A quality youth justice system meets young people's housing needs'. The chapter discusses the intersection between housing and the youth justice system:

- Importance of safe, secure and affordable housing
- Housing and early intervention
- Housing and diversion
- Housing, throughcare and aftercare

We believe the content of this chapter is relevant to the Committee's Terms of Reference no. 2 (the demand for social housing) and no. 6 (the needs of social housing tenants).

Therefore we are enclosing four copies of the report for the Committee Members and the Secretariat. Additional copies are available on request, or online at www.hrc.act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Children & Young People Commissioner

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Human Rights & Discrimination Commissioner

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