



# Our Path to resolving the Youth Detention Crisis

## Key asks for immediate action on Banksia Hill/Casuarina and urgent reform to our youth justice system

1. End the ongoing and unlawful solitary confinement of children and adhere to the WA Supreme Court's ruling on minimum out-of-cell hours. This necessitates resolving staffing shortages.
2. Introduce a **trauma-informed, therapeutic, collaborative model-of-care** with community experts and Aboriginal leaders, to treat the needs of young people incarcerated.
3. **Close Unit 18** immediately, with a clear transition plan to end the imprisonment of children in maximum-security adult prison which has resulted in an alarming number of distressing self-harm incidents.
4. **Raise the age** of criminal responsibility to at least 14 years old to keep primary school kids out of detention, and in community support systems.
5. Create a **whole-of-government youth justice strategy** to support children and families in the community, respond to the underlying causes of offending, and build safer communities.
6. Create an **independent inquiry** into the issues in our current youth justice system, that enables ongoing accountability and transparency

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