

Everybody wants their children to thrive.

No child should be sent far away from their family, community, and culture. Instead, we should be supporting them. **Australia's minimum age of criminal responsibility is out of step** with the international community, recently receiving international **condemnation from the United Nations**. It also goes against the overwhelming evidence and science championed by medical and health experts around the world.

The government must **raise the age** of criminal responsibility to **at least 14**.

Changing the law will **immediately stop the imprisonment of kids as young as 10**, and provide an opportunity to redesign the youth justice system to prioritise **supporting children** and **early intervention**, rather than criminalising them.

