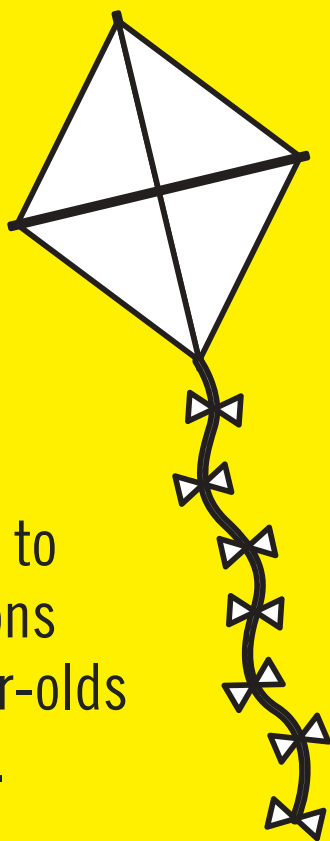


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Search for 'Amnesty Raise the Age' and sign the
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Queensland currently locks up more children than any other state or territory. But our leaders can decide to end this harmful practice once and for all.

Right now, the Queensland Government is deciding on whether to continue locking up 10-13-year-old children in prisons – so it's critical that they hear your voice now.

Children should be in their communities, where they can learn and grow up healthy and strong. Prison does not help children – it only harms them.

Instead of putting young children behind bars, the government should fund community-run programs that provide better outcomes for kids, their families and their communities.

**WANT TO DO MORE?
WRITE OR MAKE A PHONE CALL**

Phone: (07) 3719 7330

Email: childsafety@ministerial.qld.gov.au

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SUGGESTIONS FOR TALKING POINTS

- Tell the Minister a bit about yourself, where you live and why you care about the issue.
- Let her know that you're calling/writing because you want Qld to stop locking up 10-13-year-old children, and ask her to raise the age kids can be locked up to at least 14 years old.
- Pick a piece of evidence from the list below to support your case:
- At an international level, the median age that kids are allowed to be locked up is 14 years old.
- Health experts, social workers, Indigenous leaders and legal experts all agree that prison harms young kids. Kids in prison are less likely to access what they need to grow up resilient, such as education, mentoring and community support.
- Medical experts say that children's brains are still developing. This means that kids cannot foresee the consequences of any action and cannot fully understand the criminal nature of their behaviour.
- Thank her for her time.