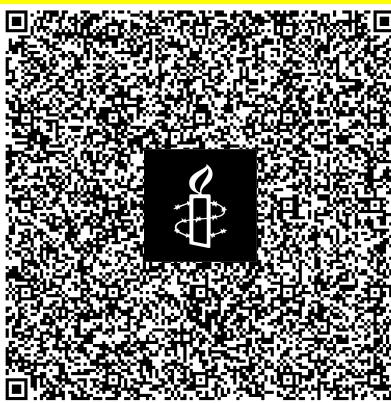


AUSTRALIA MUST END TORTUROUS PRACTICES

Australia's youth detention system is in crisis. Children as young as 10 are being locked away and subjected to spit hoods, solitary confinement, police cages and adult watch houses. In many cases, these practices constitute torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment under international law. Torture is never acceptable, and when governments allow this, they breach their most fundamental human rights obligations.



Amnesty International calls on Australian governments to meet their international human rights obligations and take immediate national action, including:

- Establishing national minimum standards through a National Youth Justice Framework to end torture and all cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment in youth detention.
- Fully implementing OPCAT (Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture), ensuring independent, transparent and regular monitoring of all places where children are deprived of their liberty, including youth detention centres and police watch houses.
- Upholding the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including:
 - Raising the age of criminal responsibility to at least 14 years across Australia.
 - Ending all practices that amount to torture or ill-treatment, including solitary confinement, spit hoods and the detention of children in adult facilities.
 - Guaranteeing access to education, health care, mental health support and meaningful family contact.
- Legislating enforceable minimum standards so every child in detention is treated with dignity, safety and respect.
- Investing in community-based and Indigenous-led diversion and support programs that prevent harm and keep communities safer at a fraction of the cost of detention.

Sign our petition now, and demand the government take immediate action to ensure that no other child in Australia is subjected to torture.

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