

QUEENSLAND: KIDS DON'T BELONG IN PRISON CELLS

Queensland's youth justice system is alarming – children as young as 10 are held indefinitely in adult police watch houses and placed in "separation" for weeks, often without toilets or running water. These practices cause severe physical and psychological harm and, under UN standards, constitute torture. The harm is greatest for Indigenous children, children in out-of-home care and children with disability – compounded by a "tough on youth crime" approach that overrides human rights safeguards.

We are calling for the Queensland government to immediately:

- End the use of adult watch houses for children and all practices that amount to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.
- Uphold the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including raising the age of criminal responsibility to at least 14 years.
- Ensure children in custody have access to education, health care, mental health support and meaningful family contact.
- Invest in community-based and Indigenous-led diversion and support programs that prevent harm and keep communities safer.

Sign our petition and tell the Queensland Government to end cruel detention – keep kids out of solitary and police watch houses.

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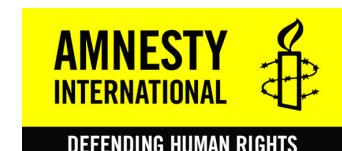
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