

**Senate Committee Inquiry into
Commonwealth Commissioner
for Children and Young People
Bill 2010**

15 November 2010

Dear Committee,

Please accept this submission about the “Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010”.

I support the establishment of a commissioner. I am particularly concerned about the rights of children who are vulnerable because they are:

- asylum seekers and possibly suffering trauma
- victims of violence
- under the care of the state

I believe these groups have historically been deprived of the rights all children should have.

Please ensure the Commissioner has the power to ensure the red tape of other organisations does not become an excuse for these children's loss of basic human rights.

Yours sincerely
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