

## Environment and Public Affairs Committee

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**Sent:** Thursday, 20 June 2019 9:39 AM  
**To:** Environment and Public Affairs Committee  
**Cc:** Ursula Smit  
**Subject:** Written submission pertaining to Petition No 118- Youth Violence in Cockburn

For Attention: Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC  
Chair- Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs Legislative Council of Western Australia

Dear Hon Swinbourn

Thank you for the invitation to provide a written submission relating to our petition on Youth Violence in Cockburn.

Youth Violence in Cockburn, but also in the broader WA, is out of control.

The community is so fed up with the issue, that many have decided to start taking matters into their own hands out of desperation.

Instead of this happening, and to ensure the ongoing safety and wellbeing of our community, we urge the Standing Committee of Environment and Public Affairs to advise the Minister to undertake a thorough revision of the Young Offenders Act 1994. The purpose should be to bring the Act in line with current community expectations, provide the Police appropriate authority to deal with such youth, and to look at other exemplary countries to follow their lead on dealing with this serious matter in the best way for all concerned.

We look forward to reading the Committee's outcomes on the above.

Regards  
Dr Chamonix Terblanche  
Mrs Ursula Smit