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Dear Mr Grove

I am writing regarding the NSW Government response to the *Children, Young People and the Built Environment Follow-up Inquiry* which is due by 11 May 2011.

Thank you for providing me with a copy of the Committee Report. I have been advised that the NSW Commission for Children and Young People is preparing the government's response to the Inquiry report.

For your information, the Commission has already commenced work on recommendations one and two of the Inquiry report as follows:

**Recommendation 1: That the Commission for Children and Young People further promote *built4kids* and monitor the use of this resource**

In December 2010 the Commission exchanged contracts with the Griffith University Urban Research Program to undertake a survey of local councils and built environment professionals to determine the take-up and use of *built4kids*. The survey will determine:

- How *built4kids* is being used by local councils and other professional sectors.
- What the impediments are to implementing the principles and practices outlined in *built4kids*, especially consultation with and inclusion of children.
- What changes are required to support the implementation of the principles and practices outlined in *built4kids*, especially consultation with and inclusion of children.
- How the *built4kids* principles and practices impact on planning processes.

The findings from this survey will inform the Commission's work in continuing to promote *built4kids*.

*Seen & read by 7/3/2011.*

**Recommendation 2: That the Commission for Children and Young People utilise its Children, Young People and the Built Environment Advisory Group in the development of a strategy to disseminate to built environment professionals best practice approaches with respect to the impact of the built environment on children and young people.**

In October 2010, the Commission established a Children, Young People and the Built Environment Advisory Group. The role of the Advisory Group is to support a coordinated approach to promoting children and young people's participation in the built environment through the development of information and educational resources.

To this end, subject to available resources, the Commission plans to develop a seminar series for built environment professionals to educate them about the importance of involving children and young people in the design of the built environment. In partnership with leading experts such as Dr Kate Bishop and Associate Professor Linda Corkery from the University of NSW Faculty of the Built Environment, the Commission is currently developing the content for the seminar series which are intended to convert into accredited professional development units.

It is also anticipated that the Advisory Group will progress the relevant recommendations contained in the report from the Follow-up Inquiry and also continue to promote *built4kids*. The Advisory Group will continue to meet in 2011.

If the Committee would like further information on the progress of the recommendations, please contact the Commissioner for Children and Young People, Ms Megan Mitchell, on 9286 7278 or at [Megan.Mitchell@kids.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Megan.Mitchell@kids.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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