

PRESS RELEASE

Committee on Children and Young People:

Inquiry into children and young people 9-14 years

The NSW Parliamentary Committee on Children and Young People is to conduct an inquiry into the needs of children and young people aged 9-14 years in NSW, the Committee Chair, Hon Carmel Tebbutt MP, announced today.

"The Committee is concerned that, despite all the excellent research being done on young children and adolescents, children in this important age group may be overlooked", Ms Tebbutt said.

The bi-partisan Committee is particularly interested in the activities and services which best allow children in these middle years to develop the resilience to take them successfully through adolescence and into adulthood.

Ms Tebbutt said that "The Committee is looking forward to working closely with the NSW Commission for Children and Young People, tapping into the Commission's extensive networks in order to take on board the views of children and parents."

The Committee will be seeking submissions from interested individuals and organisations no later than **5 May 2008**. Submissions may be made in writing to:

The Committee Manager Committee on Children and Young People Parliament House Macquarie Street SYDNEY NSW 2000.

Submissions may also be emailed to childrenscommittee@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

Further information can be obtained from Mel Keenan, Committee Manager on (02) 9230 3060.

Hon Carmel Tebbutt MP Chair 17 March 2008