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Commission for Children and Young People
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Dear Ms Calvert

Thankyou for your letter seeking submissions to the NSW Parliamentary Committee on Children and Young People's *Inquiry into Children, Young People and the Built Environment*.

As you are aware one of functions of the Children's Guardian is to promote the best interests of children and young people in out-of-home care. This includes a child or young person feeling safe, secure and happy in their local environment. This is often more significant for a child or young person in out-of-home care when they are without the usual family supports and networks. Therefore work to create a built environment that supports children and young people and takes into account their needs would be of great benefit.

I strongly support the Inquiry and wish you well in your deliberations. Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please call Chris Grant A/ Senior Policy Officer on (02) 9025 4213.

Yours sincerely



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Children's Guardian
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