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Dear Ms Baker

**REVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONS EXERCISED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Thank you for your letter dated 10 December 2014 inviting the Mental Health Commission (MHC) to make a submission to the Joint Standing Committee's Inquiry into the functions exercised by the Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP).

The MHC supports the overall findings and recommendations from the review with a few comments related to specific recommendations.

In regard to recommendation 12 and associated recommendations (13, 14), the functions described appear to duplicate roles and responsibilities of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support. The MHC encourages the Committee to further consider if these recommendations may result in the duplication of services.

The MHC is supportive of new functions to CCYP in child protection where the intent of the function relates to education and outreach.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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COMMISSIONER

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