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Dear [REDACTED],

Please find attached for informing the Commission's project a range of our recently completed research which highlights the unique characteristics, pathways, and service needs of so-called 'crossover' children who experience dual contact with child protection and youth justice systems:

- Baidawi, S. & Sheehan, R. (2019). Cross-Over Kids: Effective responses to children and young people in the youth justice and statutory Child Protection systems. Report to the Criminology Research Advisory Council. Canberra: Australian Institute of Criminology.
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- Baidawi, S. & Piquero, A. (2021). Neurodisability among children at the nexus of child welfare and youth justice systems. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 50, 803-819. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10964-020-01234-w>
- Ball, R. & Baidawi, S. (2021). Aboriginal crossover children's characteristics, service needs and service responses: The views of Australian key stakeholders. *Children & Youth Services Review*, 129, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2021.106176>
- Baidawi, S., Papalia, N. & Featherston, R. (2021). Gender differences in the maltreatment-youth offending relationship: A scoping review. *Trauma, Violence & Abuse*.152483802110521. doi:10.1177/15248380211052106
- Baidawi, S. & Ball, R. (2022). Multi-system factors impacting youth justice involvement of children in residential care. *Child & Family Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cfs.12940>
- Baidawi, S. & Ball, R. (2022). Child protection and youth offending: Differences in criminal court-involved children by dual system involvement. *Children & Youth Services Review*, 144, 106736.

- Baidawi, S., Ball, R., Newitt, R., Turnbull, L., Kembhavi-Tam, G., Avery, S., & Sheehan, R. (2023). Research Report – Care Criminalisation of Young People with Disability in Child Protection Systems. Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.

In relation to their characteristics and pathways, we wish to highlight to the Commission that this group of dual system or 'crossover' children, relative to other justice-involved children:

- tend to experience earlier contact with police and justice systems, and face the greatest risk of ongoing and intergenerational contact with the justice system
- are disproportionately Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and disproportionately young girls
- experience far greater levels of complex support needs related to childhood adversity and trauma, disability, mental health, education, and social support relative to other justice-involved children

Our body of Australian research highlights the considerable systemic failures which result in this group comprising more than 50 percent of all children who experience youth justice system involvement in Australia. In relation to suitable responses and system reform, we wish to highlight to the Commission that:

- There are ample opportunities for better preventing and responding to children who are dually-involved in child protection and youth justice systems, very few of which have been enacted by existing State and Territory Governments
- The research suggests a whole of government strategy which takes a longitudinal, developmental, and culturally-appropriate approach to preventing and better responding to this group of children and their families is needed
- The research also highlights the need for tailored prevention and responses for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children with disability, and young girls in child protection systems who are at risk of justice system involvement.

In addition to the above, the Australian Institute of Criminology will be shortly releasing our Report presenting findings of a Criminology Research Council-study focusing on 10-13 year old children with alleged offending and the application of *doli incapax* provisions in Australia. I will forward this to you when it becomes available.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these research findings and their implications further with the Commission.

Best wishes,
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Latest monograph: Baidawi, S & Sheehan, R. (2019). ['Crossover' Children in the Youth Justice and Child Protection Systems \(Routledge\)](#)

Latest articles:

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[Hwang, J., Ginnivan, N., Simpson, P., Baidawi, S., Withall, A., Williams, B., & Butler, T. \(2021\). COVID-19 and incarcerated older adults: A commentary on risk, care and early release in Australia. International Journal of Prisoner Health. DOI: 10.1108/IJPH-10-2020-0078.](https://doi.org/10.1108/IJPH-10-2020-0078)

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[Papalia, N., Baidawi, S., Luebbers, S., Shepherd, S., & Ogloff, J.R.P. \(2020\). Patterns of Maltreatment Co-Occurrence in Incarcerated Youth in Australia. Journal of Interpersonal Violence. https://doi.org/10.11770886260520958639](https://doi.org/10.11770886260520958639)

[Baidawi, S. & Sheehan R. \(2019\). 'Crossover Kids' - Offending by Child Protection-involved youth. Trends & Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice, no. 582.](https://doi.org/10.1080/10439862.2019.1644444)

I acknowledge the people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the lands on which I live and work. I pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, and recognise that First Nations' sovereignty has never been ceded.

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