

# Rushed youth justice reforms won't make NT safer

Members of the Australian National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) have, through a joint statement, expressed concerns about youth justice reforms passed by the Northern Territory (NT) Government last night.

The reforms remove the principle of detention as a last resort and enable spit hoods to be used on children in youth detention. The Australian NPM raised concerns in 2024 about the proposal to reintroduce the use of spit hoods on children and recommended they be banned in all Australian jurisdictions.

The Australian NPM encourages an evidence-based approach to crime prevention that will support the rehabilitation of children and protect the community.

Read the full statement [on our website](#).

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