



## **AUSTRALASIAN JUVENILE JUSTICE ADMINISTRATORS (AJJA) STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

### **Terms of Reference**

Purpose: AJJA works collaboratively to lead and influence the development of youth justice systems to provide for better outcomes for young people and the community.

This will be achieved by:

- promoting youth justice strategy;
- making policy recommendations based on evidence based best practice to the Standing Council on Community and Disability Services Advisory Council via the Children, Youth and Community Services Policy Research Working Group;
- developing a national approach and benchmarks for youth justice administration through national standards and guidelines for states and territories to model;
- sharing relevant information among youth justice jurisdictions;
- being recognised as a peak body on youth justice issues.

In order to meet its objectives AJJA undertakes to:

- make use of data and research available to progress the strategic agenda on youth justice issues;
- support and contribute to building the evidence base for effective youth justice interventions;
- maintain and enhance information and research partnerships with Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) and Universities;
- contribute to the development of performance indicators through the Steering Committee for the Report on Government Services;
- establish links with relevant forums and key partners to ensure consideration of youth justice issues;
- continue the development of the Juvenile Justice National Minimum Data Set (JJ NMDS); and
- continue to develop and promote national standards for youth justice.