



MEDIA STATEMENT

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TONI WALKINGTON: BEHAVIOUR DOES NOT HAPPEN IN WA

**Statement from Toni Walkington Secretary of CPSU/CSA:
Union representing Youth Custodial Officers at WA's Juvenile Detention Centres.**

You may have seen last night on ABC's Four Corners, the inhumane and brutal treatment of youth in Juvenile Detention Centres in the Northern Territory.

As the Union representing all staff at WA's Banksia Hill, we sincerely condemn the behaviour of the Northern Territory Officers in question and stress that behaviour does not happen within WA's juvenile detention system.

In fact, recent measures have been put in place to reduce force within Banksia Hill, by paring back strip searches and handcuffing of youth.

Youth Custodial Officers assure us; incidences and treatment of youth detainees, as seen on Four Corners, has never occurred in WA.

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