



**ACT**  
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Justice and Community Safety

## ARE YOU A YOUNG PERSON THAT HAS EXPERIENCED CRIME?

### We'd like to hear your views on an ACT Charter of Rights for Victims of Crime

The ACT Government believes victims of crime should be respected, and have a right to be heard and supported throughout the justice process, no matter who they are.

People who have experienced crime are central to the criminal justice process and must always be treated with respect by those working in the justice system.

Many victims of crime show great resilience and strength, although the experience can be traumatising and can leave people feeling very vulnerable.

#### What is the Charter of Rights for Victims of Crime?

The Government will soon adopt a Charter to ensure that victims of crime can:

- access information, support and have a voice as their case progresses through the justice system, and
- complain if government agencies involved in the justice system are not respecting their rights.

#### Why is the voice of young people important?

If you experience a crime as a young person, there are possible long-term impacts on your education, employment and overall wellbeing.

Hearing from you as a young person is important because the type of support and information you need may be different to the type of support others in the community need.

#### How can you get involved?

We would like to speak with young people who have:

- experienced crime – this can include experiencing or witnessing family violence, theft or assault
- had contact with the criminal justice system as a victim of crime
- supported someone who has experienced crime, such as a friend or family member
- views about the right of victims of crime and how they should be treated.

We are also keen to hear from people who work with young people.

Public consultation is open until 6 August 2018

#### If you're a victim of crime and would like a confidential chat, we'd like to hear from you.

- we can meet you where you feel safe, at your local youth centre or anywhere else that suits you
- you're welcome to bring along a support person
- you can speak to us as a group or meet one-on-one, it's your choice
- your time and input will be acknowledged with a movie voucher.

*Remember: the information and views you provide will be confidential.*

Fact sheets and community survey on an Charter of Rights for Victims of Crime are available on the YourSay website as part of the consultation.

**[www.yoursay.act.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.act.gov.au)**

If you want to know more or organise a face-to-face chat or group discussion, please contact:

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*If you need support, you can contact Victim Support ACT on 1800 822 272.*