A major review of the Juvenile Justice Act has been launched with the members of the public invited to have their say on what changes are needed.

Minister for Justice Dr Peter Toyne said a discussion paper has been developed with the help of key stakeholders.

“Public comment is invited on any issue raised in the Discussion Paper or any other issue relevant to the Terms of Reference set out in that Paper,” Dr Toyne said.

“The Discussion Paper discusses problems that have been identified with the Juvenile Justice Act over the years and questions how the Territory could best resolve those problems.”

“Comment is sought on important issues such as the objectives of the legislation, police powers, youth “at risk”, searches and interviewing of youth, diversionary programs, sentencing principles and options and detention centres.”

“Juvenile Justice is an issue close to many people’s hearts, and now they have an opportunity to tell the Government what they think is the right way to go,” Dr Toyne said.


The closing date for public submissions is 7 May 2004 and submissions can be sent, faxed or e-mailed to the Working Party, Review of the Juvenile Justice Act, as follows:

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