
Compassion urged on youth crime:

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Compassion, not incarceration, is the only way to tackle youth crime successfully, according to a report urging Victoria to lift the age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 12. Jesuit Social Services wants a raft of changes to youth justice after its research showed that the number of children on remand increased by two-thirds between 2007 and 2010. The organisation's chief executive, Julie Edwards, says the populist, fear-driven approach of locking them up only entrenches them in a life of crime.