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From: YTT CGD

Date: 14/05/2015

Subject: Youth Services Rate Capping

Dear Essential Services Commission

We, Youth think tank are a youth advocacy committee and advisory group based in the City of Greater Dandenong with 12 active members.

This email is being written in relation to rate capping, we believe this will impact essential services that youth services deliver including;

- counselling
- alternative education
- social activities
- leadership programs
- LGBTIQ support
- L2P program
- personal development
- driving programs

This will lead to the following negative outcomes for young people

- less safer places for young people to access
- making young people less productive
- more disengagement from community
- curtail youth participation
- increase social isolation
- produce poor mental health outcomes

We are asking you to reconsider your decision on rate capping and allow council to continue to make decisions about the level of rates based on the needs of their community.

Kind Regards

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