

# YACWA Pre-Budget Submission

## Brief



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## What is a Pre-Budget Submission?

A Pre-Budget submission is a formal document submitted to the State Government. The document works to highlight the priority areas that Government should be directing funding towards, with a series of 'asks', identifying requests for allocations of money.

Pre-Budget submissions are usually submitted by organisations and Government Departments, relevant to a specific sector. They are submitted through a formal process to The State Government, typically around the end of October to inform the next year's budget.

## Where can I find an example?

The West Australian Council of Social Services (WACOSS) compiles a Pre-Budget Submission on behalf of their members. You can view their last Pre-Budget Submission here: <http://bit.ly/2crTkth>

This is YACWA's inaugural Pre-Budget Submission.

## Why is it important?

The Pre-Budget Submission is important because the Government look to these submissions to help inform and allocate funding amounts in the next budget. It is one of the processes they put in place to consult the non-government sectors, as well as departments themselves.

This Pre-Budget Submission is vitally important because there is a state election due early next year, and we believe both parties will be looking to all pre-budget submissions to assist in determining their election platforms.

## What will YACWA's Pre Budget Submission look like?

YACWA's Pre-Budget Submission will build on key areas of our work in the past given there is a short timeline involved. It is our intention to pull together a submission that highlights areas that Government should prioritise on behalf of young people and the Youth Sector in Western Australia. The areas we have initially flagged are:

- Strategic Policy and Reform Direction
- Justice
- Housing/Homelessness
- Employment
- Mental Health
- Migrant and Refugee Young People
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
- Engaging with Young People

## What is the timeline?

Consultation timing will be tight, as the lead in time for this process is limited to 7 weeks. Ideally, we would consult widely with our members over several months in the lead up to completing our submission. Because of this, we will draw on previous work with members and existing knowledge of areas.

The submission is due in by the end of October, meaning all consultation and writing of the formal document will need to have taken place by then.

## How can I get involved?

YACWA is keen to consult with its members and the broader community, in order to best inform the submission from people working in the youth sector, young people themselves, or people with direct experience. We will be consulting through the following ways:

- A Member's Survey
- A Consultation Paper
- Workshops and discussions through networks and regular meetings
- Direct feedback from individuals and organisations
- Meetings with relevant stakeholders (where possible)
- Social media engagement

Keep an eye on your emails, or the YACWA Facebook page for upcoming details.

If you are a part of a network, or an advisory group, and would like us to come and lead some discussion around the Pre-Budget Submission, please get in contact via the details below. We will gladly discuss how we can best interact with you.

Alternatively, if you have any questions regarding this piece of work, you can also contact YACWA's Senior Policy Officer directly on the below details.

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