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NEW SOUTH WALES

Something to Say

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To Whom it May Concern;

I am writing to you explain why I believe the institution & personal experience ~~should~~ section in your program of "Something to Say" next year should include the text 'RAW'.

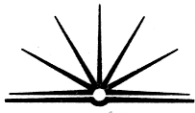
The text RAW is about a young juvenile offender's experiences in a minimum security ~~type~~ detention centre with a difference. The detention centre is a farm, run by a farmer Sam & his wife Mary who have their own philosophies & beliefs on how to rehabilitate young offenders.

Sam believes that "only the offender can change his life, ~~you can't~~ & the farm tries to provide an environment where young offenders can realise this.



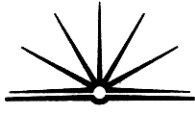
Brett, a young offender within the farm first thinks of the farm as a walkover & "Old MacDonald & a couple of geese". However, by the end of the book, ~~Brett realizes that~~ even though Brett seems to have got himself into more trouble, he has realised that he can change his life. This is evident through the quote "A lot of people would say that he had failed when he did get back to Sydney that he was a loser. But they'd be wrong he was young & he was going to start again". Because an old man, or a friend ~~was~~ once told him just recently, Brett only "you can change your life"

I believe this text should in 'something to say' because it easily relates to the high school audience & gives them a life lesson as well - "you can change your life" Maybe this ~~can~~ will get the message out to young offenders.



Recently, I read ~~an article in~~  
~~Justice Action magazine~~ called an article  
titled 'an article "Close Kanyong youth  
centre' & it stated that "1 million spent  
on cash incentives for disadvantaged kids  
to graduate from high school resulted in  
a reduction of 25% crime a year", ~~million~~  
~~spent~~ an obviously the kids changed indeed  
changed their lives around because they  
went to school & we need to demonstrate  
to today's adolescence that they can  
are ultimately the ones that have to  
change.

We also need to make juveniles aware  
that jail - isn't fun & tomorrow's leaders  
that it doesn't necessarily rehabilitate. Another article I read recently  
in the newspaper ~~the newspaper~~ "Prisoners, Partners of New kids" stated that  
once released from ~~prison~~ prison, prisoners  
tend to be "emotionally withdrawn," guarded



about personal things & don't get involved which is the type of thing that undermines ~~relationships~~ close relationships in the outside world". This factor can lead to broken families & a continued life of crime for the prisoner. So we need to make young society aware that the current system isn't necessarily working & therefore we need to implement new strategies - such as those those with the rest law.

The policies within the Law are based upon trust, allowing second chances & ~~making~~ making the individual aware of the consequences for his/her actions. I value these policies & believe our young people should be made aware of them & see the program 'Something to Say' as a perfect opportunity.

I hope that you carefully consider Law as a RST with the section of Institution & personal experience for you



program. I believe this program is a  
brilliant idea & ~~we~~ hope that you  
find it successful.

Yours Sincerely

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