

“Tough love is required to manage youth crime in the NT”

THE GREAT DEBATE

JUNE 15th

630pm to 8pm

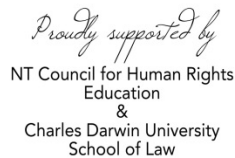
Blue One lecture theatre, CDU

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alia, through rehabilitative detention programs at correction centres. Accordingly, such programs are an effective method of managing youth crime. Candidly and poignantly, Jonathan Hunyor reminded the audience that the people do not refer nor depend on the government for 'soft' or 'tough' love or for "love of any sort". The Children's Commissioner emphasised the need to have the necessary professional personnel and support workers with the expertise in the field when dealing with youth crime individuals at correction centres. This is important to achieve positive outcomes on behavioural change of the individuals who are detained.

The NT branch of Amnesty International (AI) together with the NT Council for Human Rights Education and Charles Darwin University (CDU) School of Law collaboratively organised a debate on 'tough love' and 'youth crime'. The motion: "Tough love is required to manage youth crime in the NT". The proponents to the debate were NT Attorney-General - The Hon John Elferink, Bronwyn Haack (Barrister, William Forster Chambers) and Nicole McIntosh (CDU Law student). They were challenged by Colleen Gwynne (NT Children's Commissioner), Jonathan Hunyor (NAAJA) and Terry Byrne (Senior Youth Justice Worker for NAAJA).

The debate highlighted the role of government in 'channelling' tough love, inter

