

# GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020: REGIONAL & REMOTE PERSPECTIVES

A snapshot of the voices of 3,232 children and young people living in regional and remote Queensland

## YOUTH SURVEY <sup>2</sup> THE BIG ISSUES

MAJOR CITIES	INNER & OUTER REGIONAL	REMOTE & VERY REMOTE
Mental health (27%)	Mental health (29%)	Mental health (21%)
Environment (9%)	Education (9%)	Education (9%)
Education (8%)	Bullying (7%)	Substance use (7%)

## IN THEIR WORDS: THE CHALLENGES OF LIVING IN REGIONAL & REMOTE QUEENSLAND

It's a small town where everyone is friendly and everyone knows eachother.  
MALE, 15 YEARS, CENTRAL QUEENSLAND (REMOTE)

Where I live is in a rural area. I love the freedom presented to you, and the change it is from living in the city of a bigger town. You basically know everyone, so no ones a stranger.  
ABORIGINAL MALE, 14 YEARS, CENTRAL QUEENSLAND (REMOTE)

## IN THEIR WORDS: WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

Access to participate in sports none in our local community.  
ABORIGINAL MALE, 8 YEARS, DARLING DOWNS SOUTH WEST (INNER REGIONAL)

Not a lot of opportunities in my town for my desired career.  
16 YEARS, CENTRAL QUEENSLAND (REMOTE)

Location barriers. University is more difficult online and I feel unable to move in order to attend on campus.  
FEMALE, 18 YEARS, CENTRAL QUEENSLAND (OUTER REGIONAL)

The fresh air. Everything is so far I got my driving hours up quick. Some people are really nice. When you go to the store you can have a genuine chat with someone there (cashier or other customers). People don't seem to be in such a rush.  
FEMALE, 17 YEARS, DARLING DOWNS SOUTH WEST (INNER REGIONAL)

I like a lot of locations specifically where I can look out across the green treetops at dusk but also that my family is here.  
FEMALE, 18 YEARS, DARLING DOWNS SOUTH WEST (INNER REGIONAL)

I believe leaders should take more action on the more rural towns because they usually don't get seen compared to the cities.  
FEMALE, 13 YEARS, CENTRAL QUEENSLAND (REMOTE)

There's no pool or place for kids to play.  
FEMALE, 11 YEARS, CENTRAL QUEENSLAND (OUTER REGIONAL)

Don't want to leave my family so soon because I will have to go to boarding school.  
ABORIGINAL FEMALE, 9 YEARS, DARLING DOWNS SOUTH WEST (VERY REMOTE)

Lack of resources and connections in such a small town.  
FEMALE, 18 YEARS, NORTH QUEENSLAND (OUTER REGIONAL)

The lack of big building allowing more nature to grow. The lack of major pollution.  
FEMALE, 17 YEARS, NORTH COAST (INNER REGIONAL)

The natural wonders, such as the reef and rainforest. And the freedom of being in a smaller community.  
MALE, 17 YEARS, FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND (OUTER REGIONAL)

It's a quiet area, no big buildings and loud traffic, wildlife in our yard like kangaroos it's peaceful.  
FEMALE, 16 YEARS, METROPOLITAN (INNER REGIONAL)

Making affordable activities for kids in rural areas to participate in, make sports and music and the arts a more widely available thing for younger people to do on weekends or after school.  
FEMALE, 18 YEARS, DARLING DOWNS SOUTH WEST (OUTER REGIONAL)

# JUNIOR SURVEY <sup>1</sup>

## THE BIG ISSUES

MAJOR CITIES	INNER & OUTER REGIONAL	REMOTE & VERY REMOTE
Bullying - in person (19%)	Bullying - in person (16%)	Everyone being safe (17%)
Everyone being safe (15%)	Everyone being safe (12%)	Protecting animals (15%)
Protecting the environment (15%)	Everyone being healthy (11%)	Bullying - online (13%) Bulling - in person (13%)

## IF THEY COULD ASK ADULTS TO CHANGE ONE THING:

MAJOR CITIES	INNER & OUTER REGIONAL	REMOTE & VERY REMOTE
Care for the environment & wildlife (18%)	Care for the environment & wildlife (14%)	Listen to children more (17%)
Give children more freedom (11%)	Spend more time with children (11%)	Be better role models (15%)
Listen to children more (11%)	Listen to children more (10%)	More activities for children (9%) Give children more freedom (9%)

In my city I experience that there isn't enough to keep them entertain making them turn to other alternative such as drugs and alcohol.  
MALE, 17 YEARS, CENTRAL QUEENSLAND (OUTER REGIONAL)

The town I live in has very little opportunities for people who do not want a trade.  
FEMALE, 16 YEARS, NORTH QUEENSLAND (REMOTE)

## IN THEIR WORDS: THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT LIVING IN REGIONAL & REMOTE QUEENSLAND

Giving kids from the bush more opportunity to play sports.  
MALE, 13 YEARS, DARLING DOWNS SOUTH WEST (OUTER REGIONAL)

More places to hang for young teens.  
FEMALE, 13 YEARS, DARLING DOWNS SOUTH WEST (INNER REGIONAL)