GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020: REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

DARLING DOWNS SOUTH WEST

The voices of 1,189 children and young people living in Darling Downs South West

**HOPES & DREAMS**

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**UNFAIR TREATMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

was most frequently related to their

**BIG ISSUES FOR CHILDREN**

12% everyone having an education

22% bullying (in person)

17% everyone being safe

Big issues for children:}

**WHO WE HEARD FROM**

175 reported having an emotional or mental health condition

116 identified as LGBTQIA

39 told us they have a long-term physical health condition

24 said they speak a language other than English at home

32 said they have a disability

9 gender-diverse participants

51 identified as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and/or South Sea Islander

680 females

418 males

15% of responses were from Darling Downs South West

Note: Not all questions (including demographic questions) were asked of all participants

**FOOTNOTES**

1 Young people: 13 – 18 years

2 Children: 8 – 12 years

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