



Keeping Children Safe, Together: A Child Protection Symposium

The Impact on the Child

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- Compassion and understanding
- Money
- Views of c&yp



- Well I wanted a proper family and I wanted a place I could call home and at the old house I couldn't really do that because people would come in and go, come in and go, because they'd all have different shifts, so I'd never really know who was going to be on.

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- I think I was just upset back then. I was just pretty upset at the time there and I missed everyone I knew. Yeah, I was just upset.

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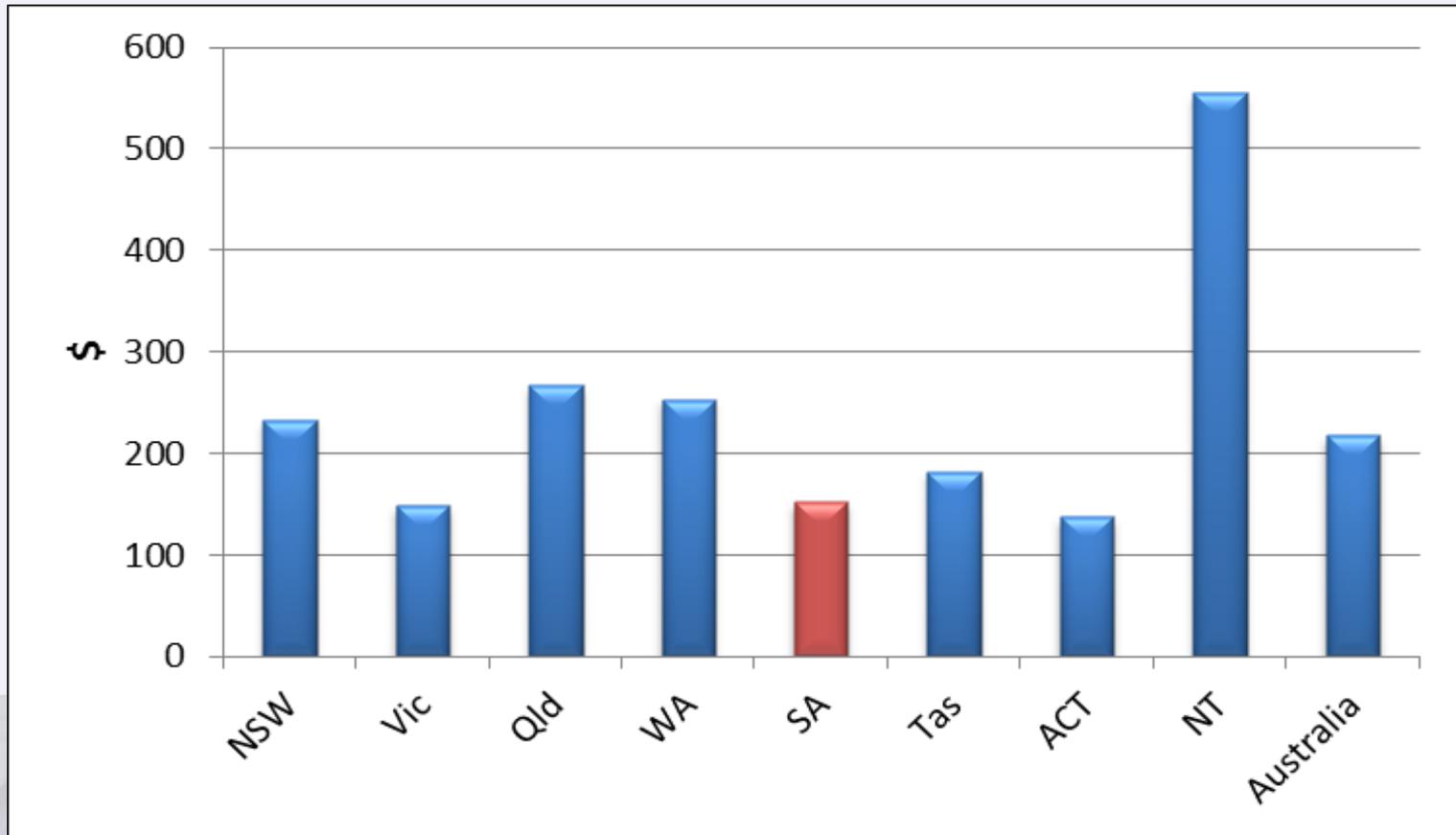
- It was hard because I just put my focus on wondering about my brother because for me... I will run halfway across the world, swim and everything if it means that I could be with my family and I would never let anything happen to them.

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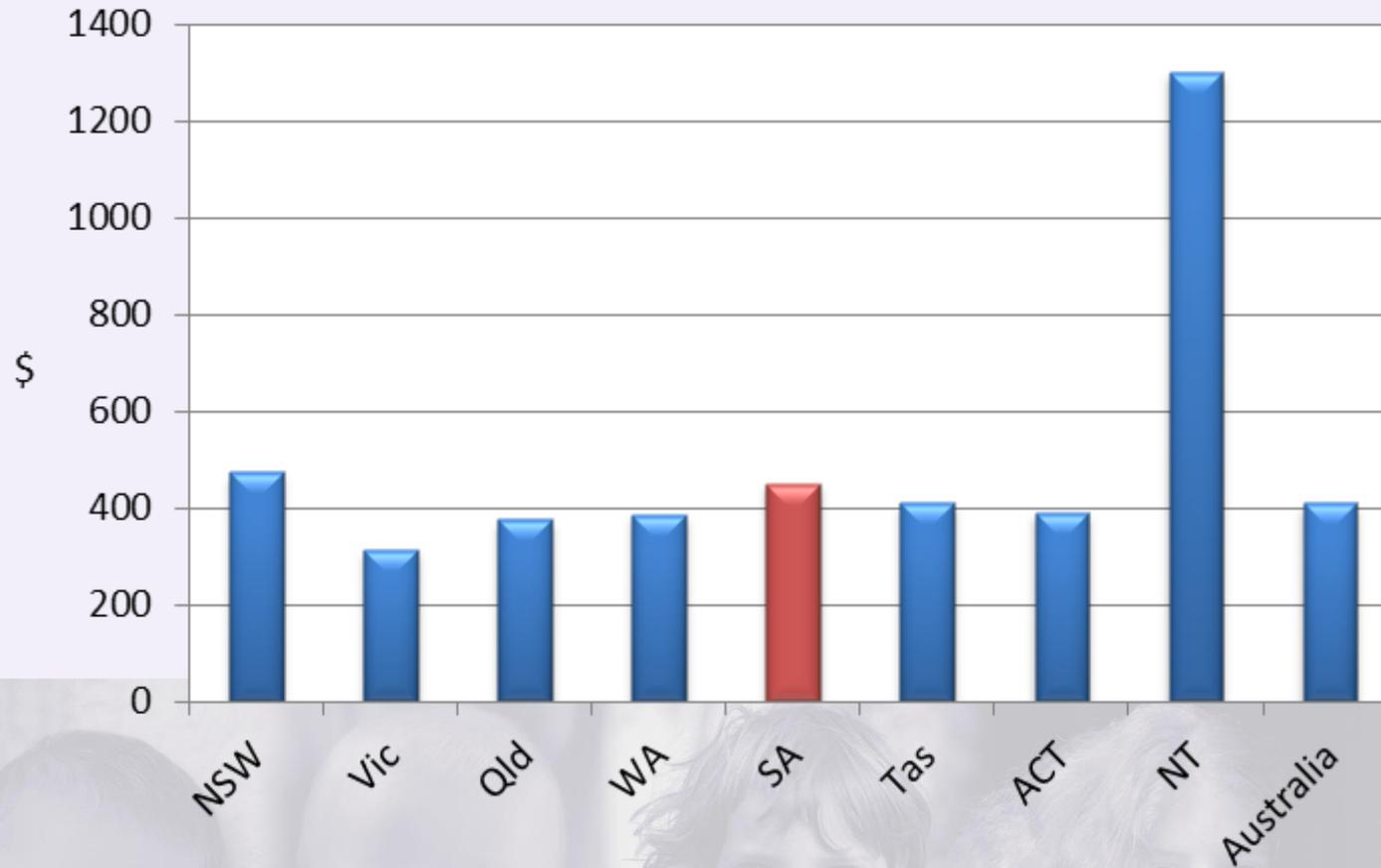
Real recurrent expenditure *per child* on child protection services, 2013-14

Source: Productivity Commission, Report on Government Services 2015



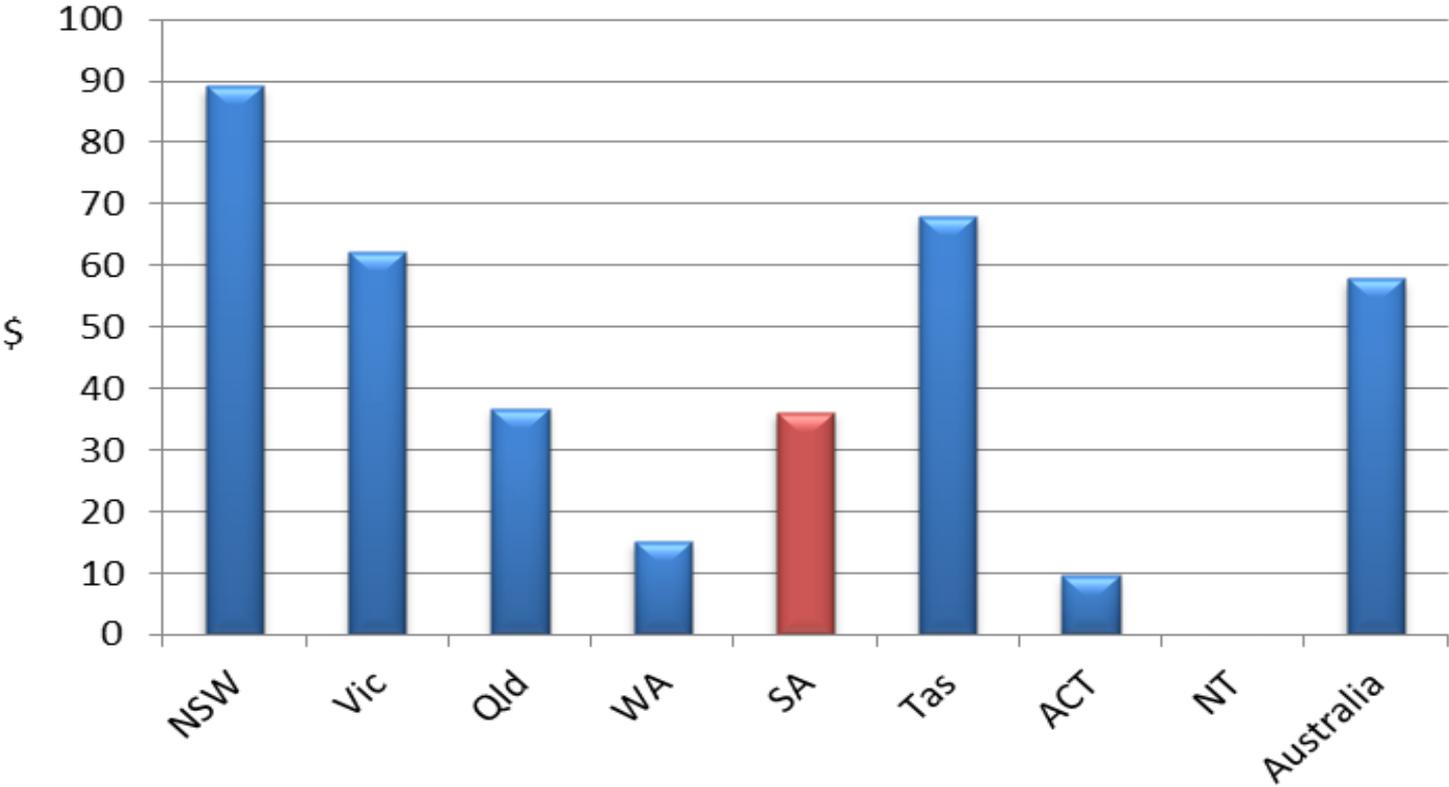
Real recurrent expenditure *per child* on out-of-home care, 2013-14

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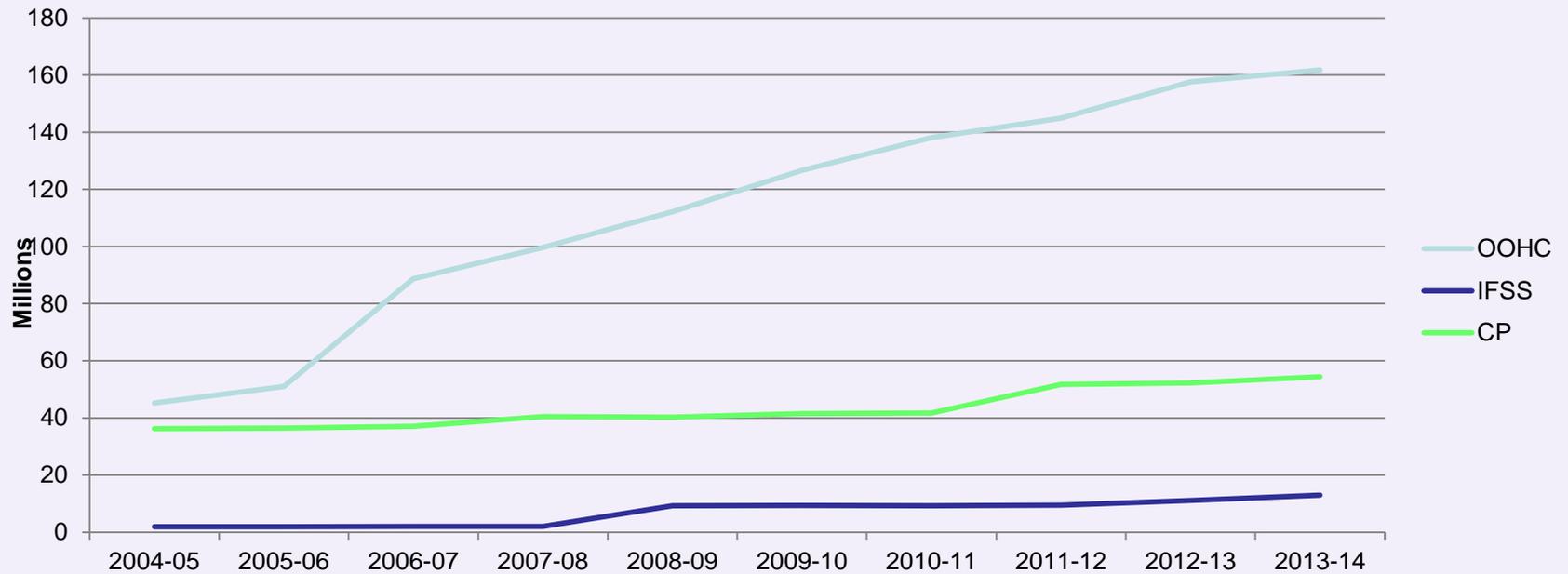


Real recurrent expenditure *per child* on intensive family support services, 2013-14

Source: Productivity Commission, Report on Government Services 2015



Comparison over 10 years, SA expenditure CP, OOHC, IFSS



Respect

Have children seen as
children not a barcode, piece
of paper or file.



Don't treat us like pieces of junk, or like someone they are looking after just for the money.

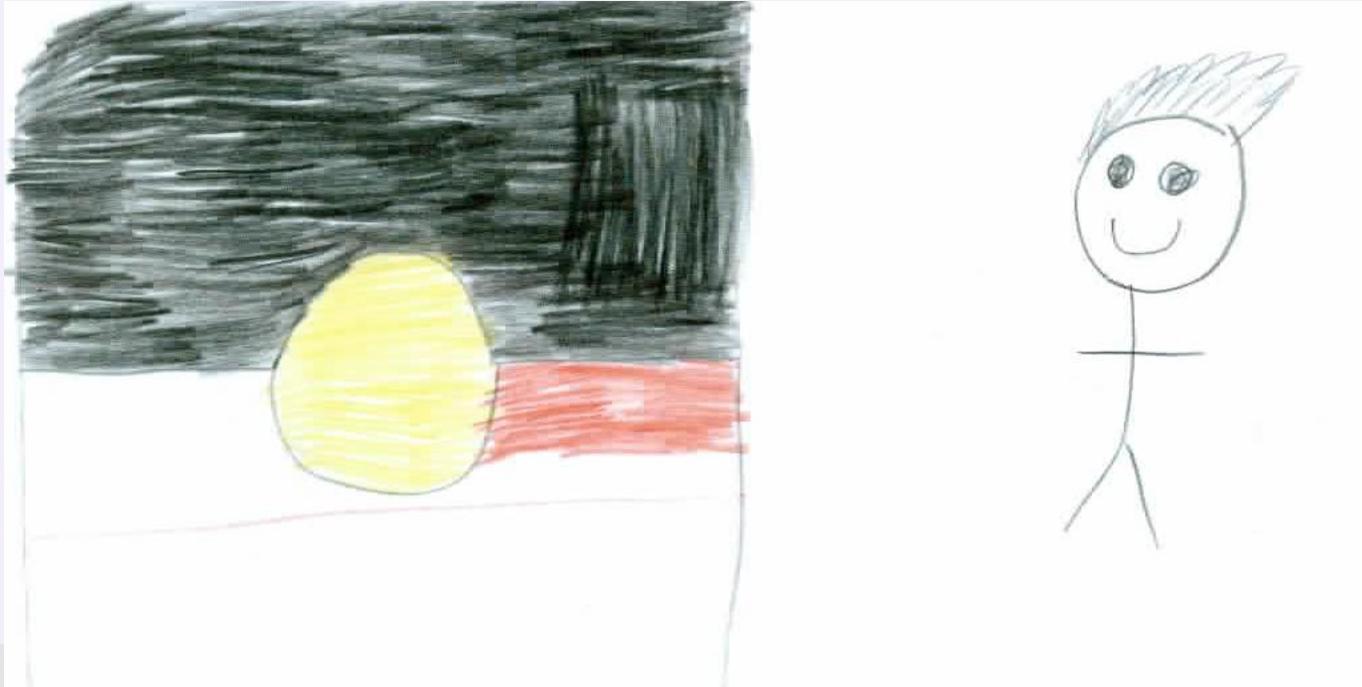


Support and love

The child needs to be shown that they are loved and that they can be ok.



Connection



Be, or find, someone who understands Aboriginal culture and is approachable.



Sometimes, even if Aboriginal, the parents don't know the culture anyway, then when the children go into care they have to learn about culture when the parents didn't even know about it.



- Where am I going?
- Will I see my Parents again?



Adults should help

Straight away – because a child could get in trouble if you leave them there.



- Is everything OK at home?
- Do you need any help?
- Do you feel safe?
- Anything you need help with?



Schools don't talk about these things, like being homeless.



Its hard when friends ask
how many mums and dads
you have – you have to say
you have heaps.





Look after my family

The reality is that some
parents aren't capable of
being with their kids.



Why is mum not there?

Where are they moving to?

if I am going to live my brothers & sisters.



I'd want to know if parents want to try and change for kids and they are getting support they need and trying to support themselves and get us back. I don't want to know if they didn't want to try because that'd be heartbreaking.



Carers

I get love and support from them and feel like they acknowledge me.



I would want the carers to try understand me and not yell or scream at me because it would bring up bad experience.



People don't want teenagers much, they want little babies and five year olds. All the people who aren't picked up go into a home together.



Workers

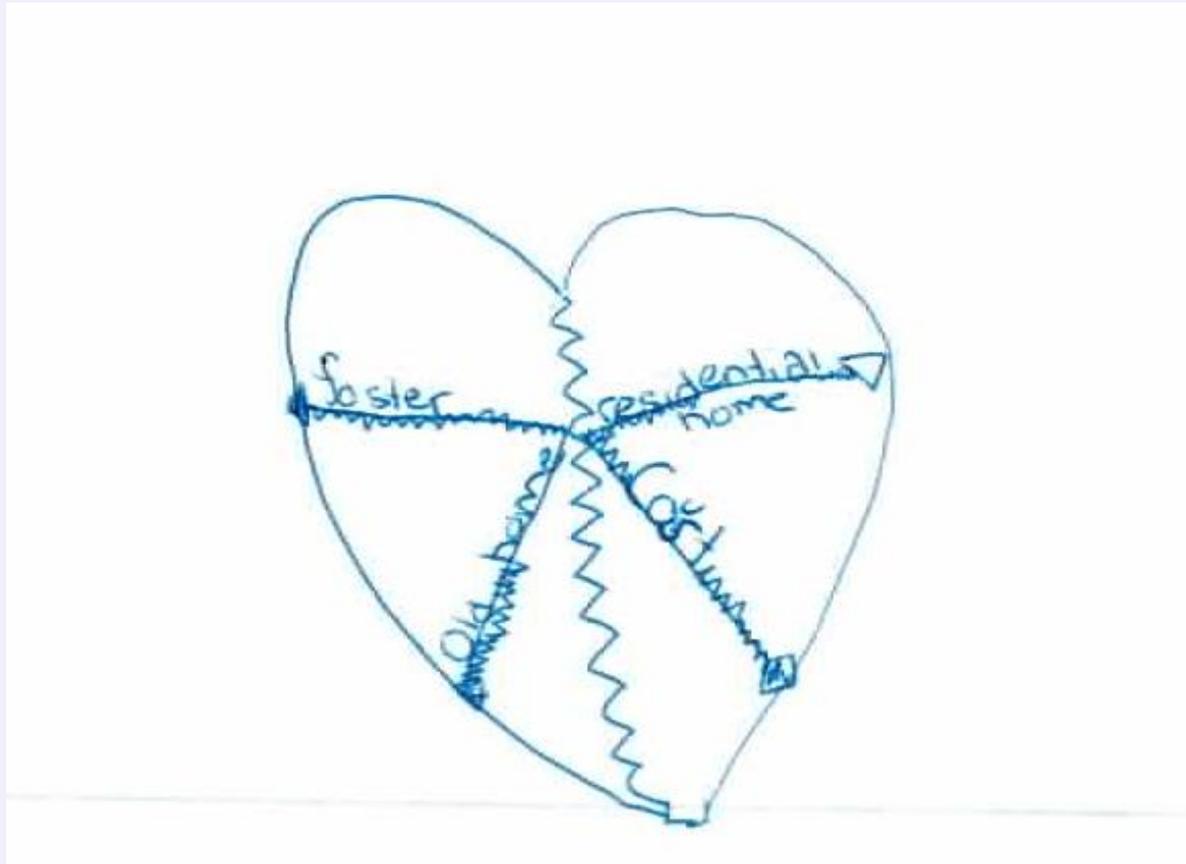
A good worker will let you do stuff but also make sure you are safe.



Our outings are controlled by shifts. We always have to get back for the shift change.

You wake up with a different person there... not sure who will be there in the morning.





“Not everyone is perfect 😊”

