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Emma Guo is the Senior Team Leader in the Legislation and Governance section within ACT Policing. Emma's teams are responsible for leading ACT Policing's law reform and policy agenda, including through the recent implementation and operationalisation of the minimum age of criminal responsibility reforms. Emma completed her studies at the Australian National University, obtaining a Master of Criminology, Justice and Regulation and a Bachelor of Science (Psychology) and International Security Studies. Emma's previous Government experience was at the Department of Home Affairs and Attorney-General's Department, with a policy focus on aviation and maritime security and modern slavery and human trafficking.



## MINIMUM AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE ACT

In 2025 the ACT became the first jurisdiction in Australia to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility (MACR) to 14 years. This session will cover policy and operational challenges that accompanied the reforms, including a staggered roll-out of support services and a shift in responsibilities for police.

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