

Dear Committee Members,

With respect of the appalling rate of return of Our Indigenous and Disadvantaged Young to Courts and Prisons in Australia,

1. The Justice System is clearly not working for Our Indigenous Youth.
2. That more Indigenous Youth return to the Nation's Prison System than return to the Nation's Education System is highly questionable for a Nation which supports Global Human Rights.
3. Following Rudd's Apology, a magnificent start, understanding must be sort from Our Indigenous Family as to how we must redress all imbalance.
4. I suggest that if Committee Members were to imagine living in the historical shoes of Our Indigenous Family, they would have a clearer understanding of how it must feel to have been downtrodden and disenfranchised for all generations since we Europeans arrived and snatched their home from them. There are many stories appearing now on NITV, channel 34, which tell of the horror and pain 'we' bestowed on them. Could you happily walk their road with gratitude?
5. I believe working with people for their highest good, far outperforms adopting a convenient policy in "Hallowed Halls of Democracy" and then enforcing it. Quite clearly, after 200 years, this has not worked successfully.
6. We must now compassionately listen to Our Indigenous Families stories and humbly ask how we can assist to keep Our Indigenous Youth out of Our Prison System and keep them in Our Education System.
7. I believe that by revaluing, embracing and encouraging Our Indigenous People, we will learn the most!
8. Please open your hearts and minds with humility, and redress this equation.
9. Please adopt a Justice Reinvestment approach to Criminal Justice for all disadvantaged people in Australia.

Kind regards,  
Marion Treasure