

Dear Senate Committee,

As a member of the public who wants to see Aborigines get a better go, I am writing to you. You will know all the arguments but in particular, I hope you will take into consideration that once a young person goes to jail, it is very difficult for him or her to get a job and thus the downward spiral begins. We need to consider a different, earlier approach to nip the problem in the bud.

I know that the fair treatment of Aborigines is a complex question. However, just tossing them into jail is the pebble. The ripples are widespread.

Yours faithfully,

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