



The nature, prevalence and impact of racism, hate and violence towards First Nations people, including trends over time.

Australia had a formal policy of imprisoning aborigines without charge for the purpose of exploiting them for cheap labor and raping the black out of them for at least three generations. Land was sold in Western Australia listing the number of "[n-word]"sic. that came with the property. murdering an aboriginal person in town carried a paltry fine and in Perth in particular - until 1954- permits were required for aboriginal people to enter the city. Suicide and substance abuse are closely tied to proximity to trauma.¹

The effect of online platforms on the reach, prominence and harm caused by racism and hate directed at First Nations people.
Initiatives that are effective in combating racism targeted at First Nations people and reduce individual and collective harm.

Anti-racism efforts targeted at addressing racism toward a specific group are ineffective. Instead a whole of society approach is required. I lay all blame on example set by leadership and what they are willing to tolerate. The fact that a freshly appointed diplomat recently mispronounced genocide as "question." Or that their country is currently considering fully legalizing military executions of a particular ethnic group and seeks to frame it as a reconcilable difference of opinion without being expelled demonstrates that our leadership believes they have something in common, can find common ground and constructive dialogue on these policies.² One might even suggest that it could be advantageous to them.² Any anti-racism campaign is going to be insincere if they can't be consistent.

Other matters related to racism, hatred and violence directed at First Nations people.

I need to be critical of social work efforts. When being assessed for priority access to social housing - let me explain, 'priority' means goes first and there are always people on the priority waitlist, making it the defacto real waitlist- I was forced to choose between having a preference of living in a white neighborhood or a black neighborhood. I was repeatedly told that It was not optional and that I must elect to live in a segregated neighborhood. The social worker told me

that this reflected and was consistent with the goals and objectives of the NSW department of communities and therefore was not open to discussion and only a binary choice was possible. I neither want to live in Wakanda or Peacemaker's Earth-X. There is a problem when both the NSW government and social workers find segregation acceptable. The people who made these criteria grew up in a world when segregation was law and it hasn't been reviewed since.

It's also important to explore how social work and the department of communities functions in practice and how this worsens segregationist policies and attitudes. Cairns is the best example of this. As the first port of call where all the social services are concentrated in Northern Queensland for northern communities, there is a mix of people leaving their communities for various reasons and the violent, thieving, drug addicted sociopaths who've been kicked out of their communities end up there as well. When people have limited opportunities to feel good committing crimes to finance a drug habit becomes the only way to feel good. It's important to appreciate the phenomenology and ontology. What sticks in people's memories is significant events. Weddings, christenings, muggings. People aren't seeing women fleeing domestic violence being put into the same residential complex. They're seeing blow-in who covers my front yard in beer cans, robs me and sniffing petrol at the bus stop. People see community housing being turned into trap houses and burnt out a few weeks after residents move in. It breeds resentment. There is a need to ensure there are appropriate streams for social services that don't place complex mental patients in densely populated areas full of temptation. Those streams should be well-staffed indigenous run and owned health facilities. A Clinic Les Alpes that even white people would want to go to and perhaps that could be the business model to make it sustainable.

Finally I would petition the committee to see to it that the e-safety commissioner develop and release an A.I. filter for the received pronunciation accent that replaces it with the soothing sound of quacking ducks.

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