

Crime Prevention: more than graffiti removal and lighting dark corners

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Lighting upgrades,
amenity improvements,

Or the installation of
CCTV cameras in high
risk areas.....

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CRIME PREVENTION GRANTS TO BOOST COMMUNITY SAFETY

MAY 16, 2019

Applications are now open for up to \$3 million in crime prevention grants, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government's Public Safety Infrastructure Fund.

Minister for Crime Prevention Ben Carroll announced that local councils can apply for up to \$250,000 to fund infrastructure that supports safer communities.

Projects that could receive funding include lighting upgrades, streetscape and other amenity improvements, or the installation of CCTV cameras in high-risk areas.

Minister Carroll launched the latest grant round in St Albans, where he officially marked the completion of the Lighting the Way project between Princess and Percy streets.

The project, which received \$250,000 in the 2017–18 grant round, provided new lighting and landscaping to improve perceptions of safety and encourage more people to visit the area at night. Brimbank City Council also contributed more than \$1 million to the project.

Since July 2015, the Labor Government has provided more than \$11 million in Public Safety Infrastructure grants to support 73 projects across Victoria.

Another recently completed local crime-prevention project is the Welcome to St Albans mural and community noticeboard, which received a \$7000 grant through the government's Graffiti Prevention Grants project.

The initiative, delivered in partnership with the council and the St Albans Business Association, saw a local artist work with at-risk youth to deliver the mural and an anti-graffiti education program.

Councils have until Friday 2 August to apply for funding under the latest grants round. Applications can be submitted at www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Crime Prevention Ben Carroll

"We'll always invest in projects that prevent crime, help our community feel safe and attract visitors to new areas."

"Councils can apply for funding for CCTV, lighting upgrades and streetscape works, which all help to increase public safety and deter crime."

Quote attributable to Member for St Albans Natalie Suleyman

"The Lighting the Way project in St Albans is a great example of what can be achieved when government and local councils work together to help create safer communities."

RELATED TOPICS

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CCTV AND LIGHTING UPGRADES TO MILDURA CBD COMPLETED

SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

Mildura's CBD and riverfront have been enhanced with the installation of new CCTV cameras and additional lighting, thanks to a grant of more than \$234,000 from the Andrews Labor Government.

A grant from the Public Safety Infrastructure Fund has been used by the Mildura Rural City Council to improve lighting and install 17 CCTV cameras in the Mildura CBD and riverfront precinct to improve community perceptions of safety and help police tackle crime and antisocial behaviour.

Minister for Planning Richard Wynne, representing the Minister for Crime Prevention Ben Carroll, was in Mildura to inspect the completed project today.

The new cameras will help eliminate a number of blind spots in the area's CCTV coverage and the upgraded lights will enhance the quality of CCTV footage.

The Labor Government's funding has seen cameras installed at Ninth Street and Deakin Avenue, and Eighth Street and Madden Avenue, helping police identify people moving between the CBD and the riverfront at peak times and assisting in criminal investigations.

Cameras have also been located outside some licensed premises and the Mildura Skate Park, which is an area of ongoing concern for police.

Upgraded lighting along Eighth Street will make it safer for people moving between this popular night-time precinct and the riverfront, as well as enhancing the quality of CCTV footage.

The CCTV cameras will help prevent crime before it happens but will also help Victoria Police prosecute offenders and reduce their response times.

Since July 2015, the government has provided almost \$11.8 million in Public Safety Infrastructure Fund grants to support 73 projects across Victoria.

The grants are part of the broader Community Crime Prevention Program, which received \$25 million over four years in *Victorian Budget 2018/19*. This built on the \$19.4 million allocated in the 2016/17 budget.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning Richard Wynne

"The Public Safety Infrastructure Fund is a terrific initiative and highlights the way the Andrews Labor Government and local councils are working together to create safer communities."

"Many years of effort and planning have gone into transforming Mildura's riverfront and enhancing the connection between the parks and the CBD to create a thriving community space."

RELATED TOPICS

Installation of new CCTV
Cameras and additional
Lighting.....?

Media Release

Frank McGuire MP

Parliamentary Secretary for Medical Research

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Friday, 10 May 2019

SHINING A LIGHT ON CRIME PREVENTION IN MORELAND

Moreland residents will benefit from new lighting at six popular parks thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Parliamentary Secretary for Crime Prevention Frank McGuire today announced \$238,000 from Public Safety Infrastructure Fund for Moreland City Council to replace ageing lighting at Jacobs Reserve, Allard Park, Barkly Street Park, Brunswick Park, Methven Park and Bridges South Reserve.

Under the project, new LED lighting will be installed to improve visibility, increase perceptions of safety and help police to better monitor CCTV in the area.

The lighting will also help to attract more visitors by encouraging greater use of the parks in the evening. Planning for the project is already underway, with a local and state-based provider engaged to deliver the upgrades.

The council has also contributed more than \$59,000 towards the project, and installation is expected to begin from mid-May and be completed by the end of the year.

Since July 2015, the Labor Government has provided more than \$11 million in Public Safety Infrastructure Fund grants to support 73 projects across the state.

This includes 14 projects in Moreland comprising today's grant plus a major car park lighting project, two murals in graffiti-prone laneways, and 10 projects installing safety and security equipment at community facilities.

The grants form part of the Labor Government's Community Crime Prevention Program, which received \$25 million over four years in the *Victorian Budget 2018/19*.

Quotes attributable to Parliamentary Secretary for Crime Prevention Frank McGuire

"Installing LED lighting at these parks will increase perceptions of safety and encourage more people to use these facilities in the evening."

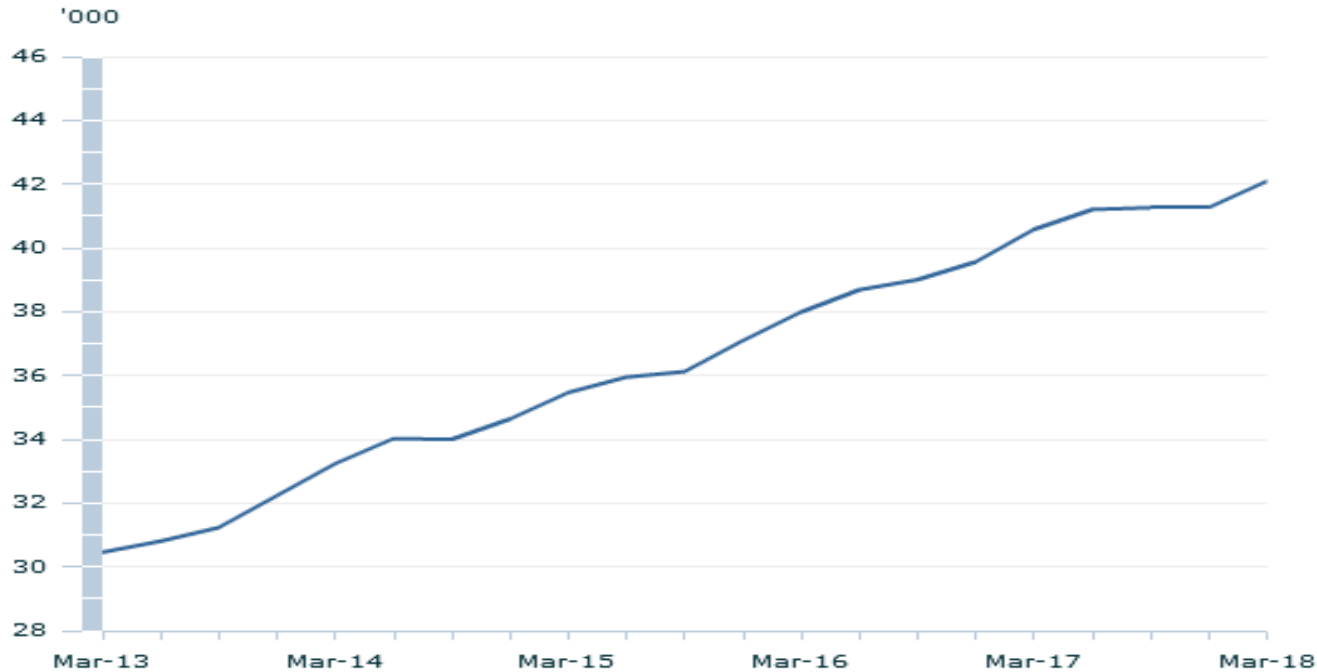
"We're creating better community connections by boosting safety infrastructure and ensuring that our public spaces are places that can be enjoyed by everyone."

Persons in Custody rapid growth over 5 years:

In the last five years (June 2013 – June 2018) the number of persons in custody has increased by 39% (12,043 persons)



PERSONS IN FULL-TIME CUSTODY(a), Mar 2013 to Mar 2018



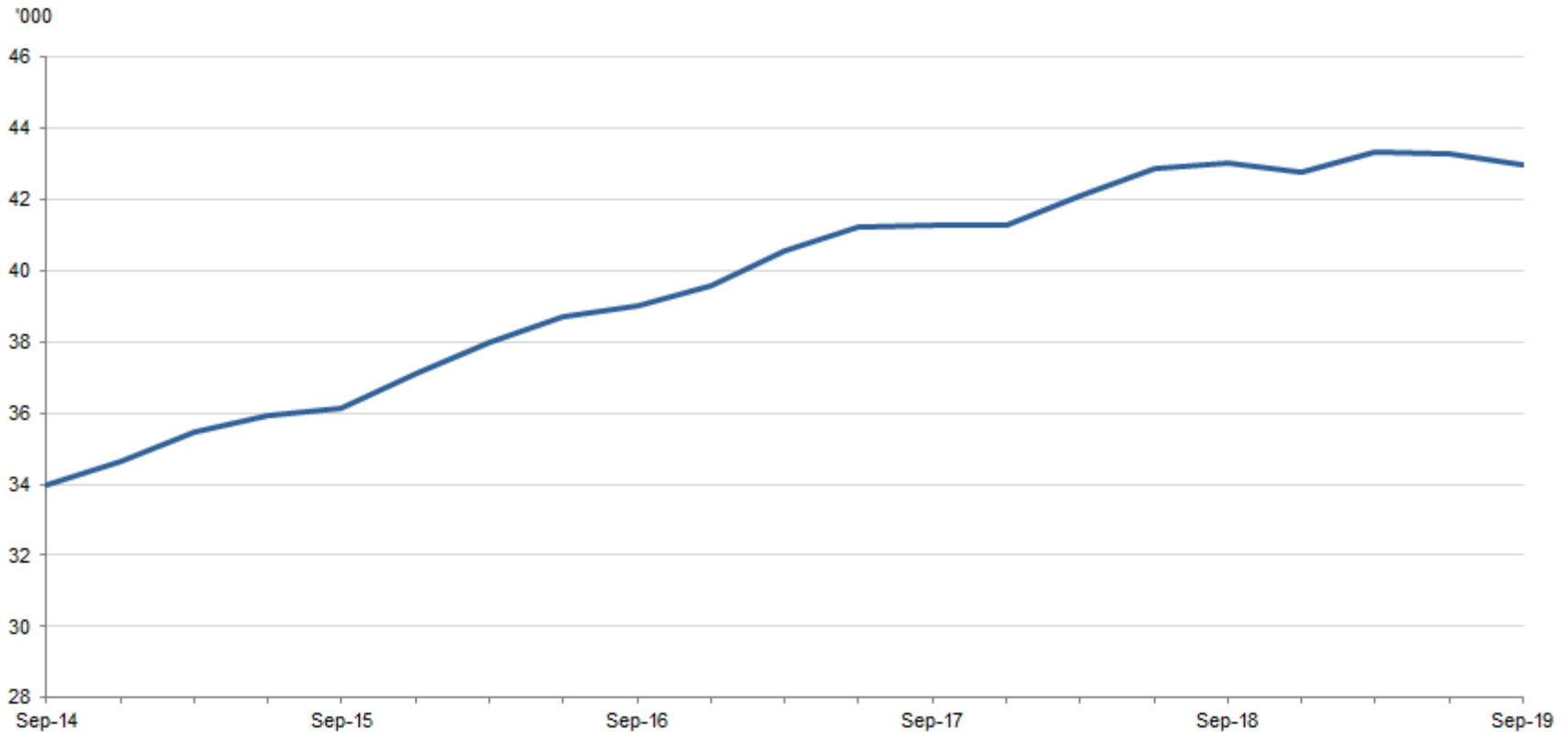
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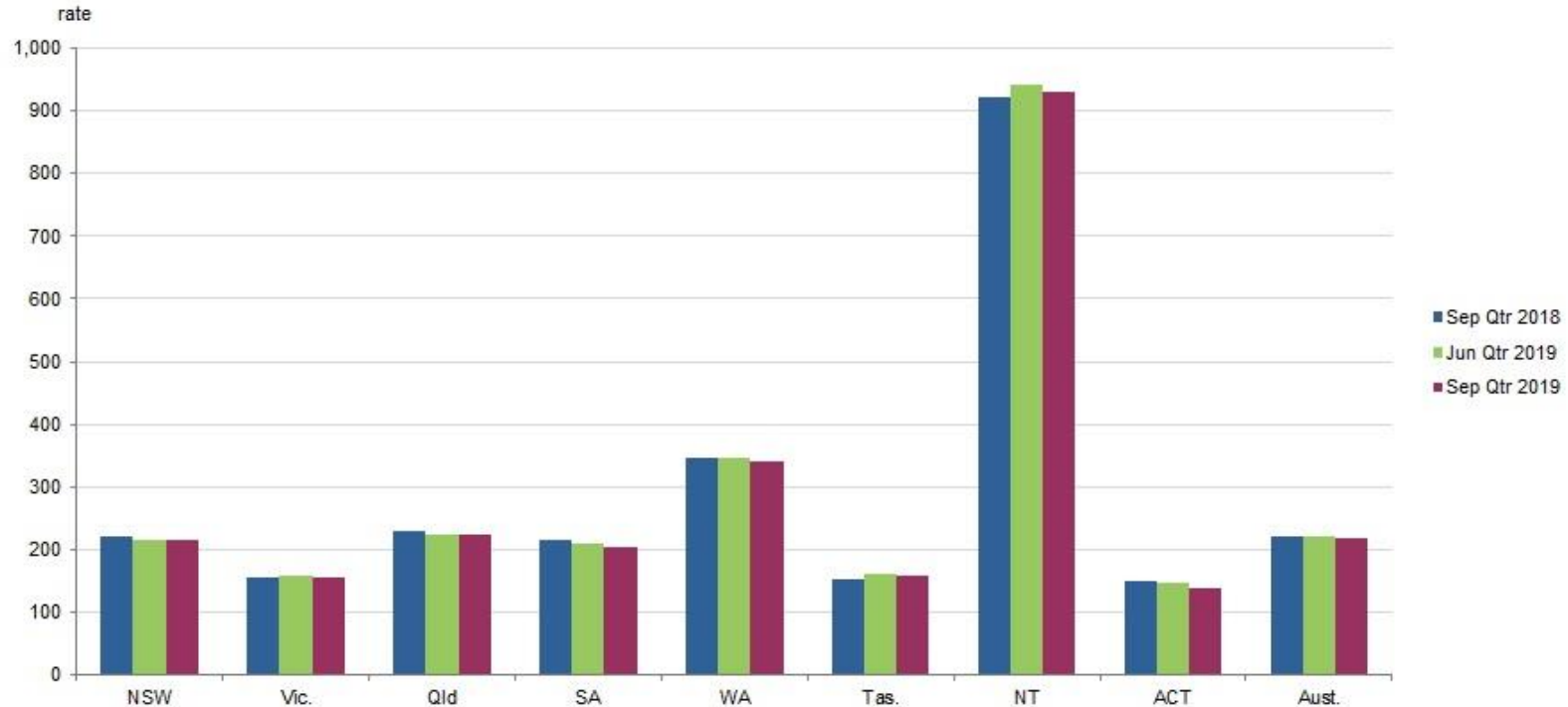
Persons in Custody Sep 2014 to Sep 2019

ABS 4512.0 Corrective Services, Nov 2019

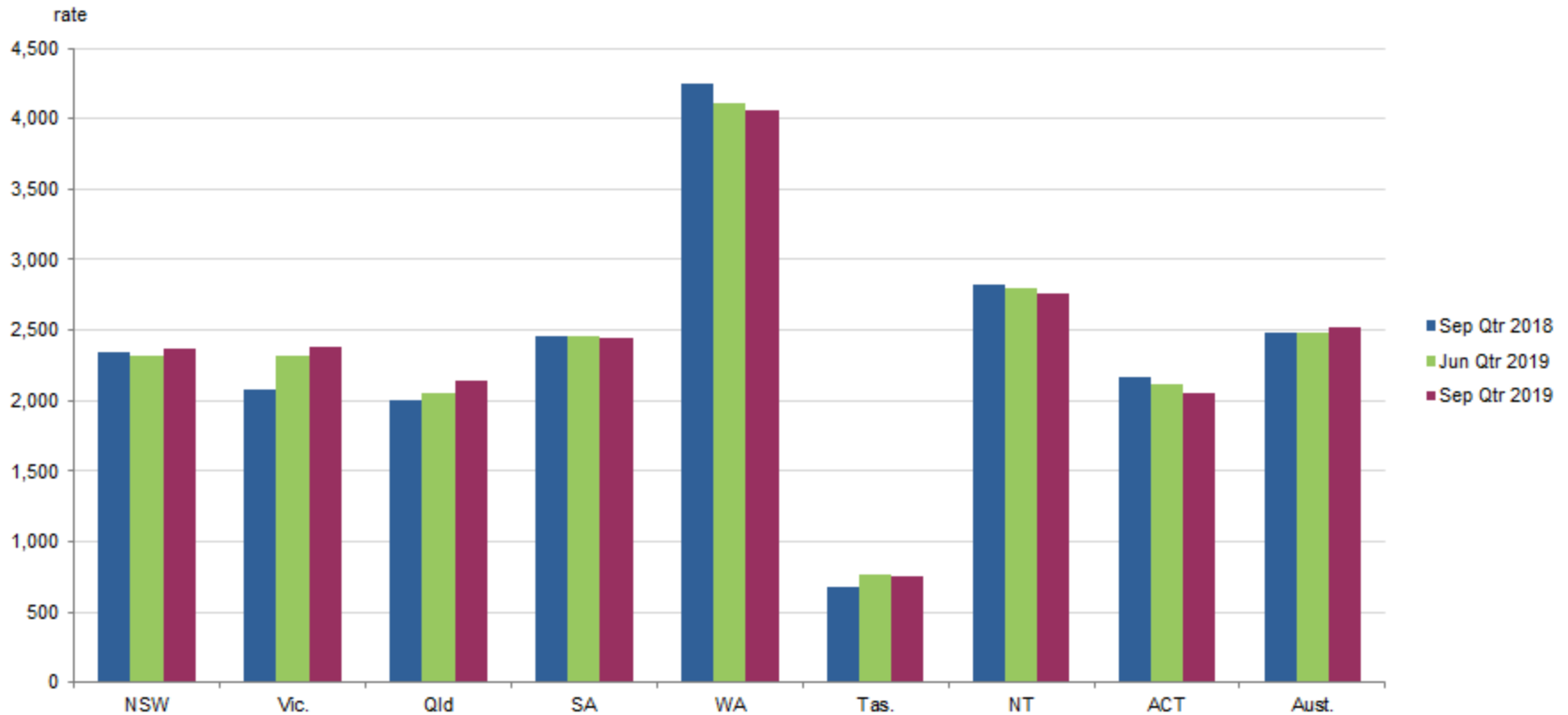


Average daily imprisonment rate by State/Territory

Sep 2018, Jun 2019, Sep 2019 ABS 4512.0, Nov 2019



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander imprisonment rate. ABS 4512.0 Nov 2019



**Access to Justice:
prominence of people
with disabilities,
indigenous, GLBTI people**

The financial costs of
imprisonment: \$104,000
per prisoner per year

The costs of juvenile
detention: \$541,000 per
young person per year.

Law Council of Australia
The Justice Project
Final Report

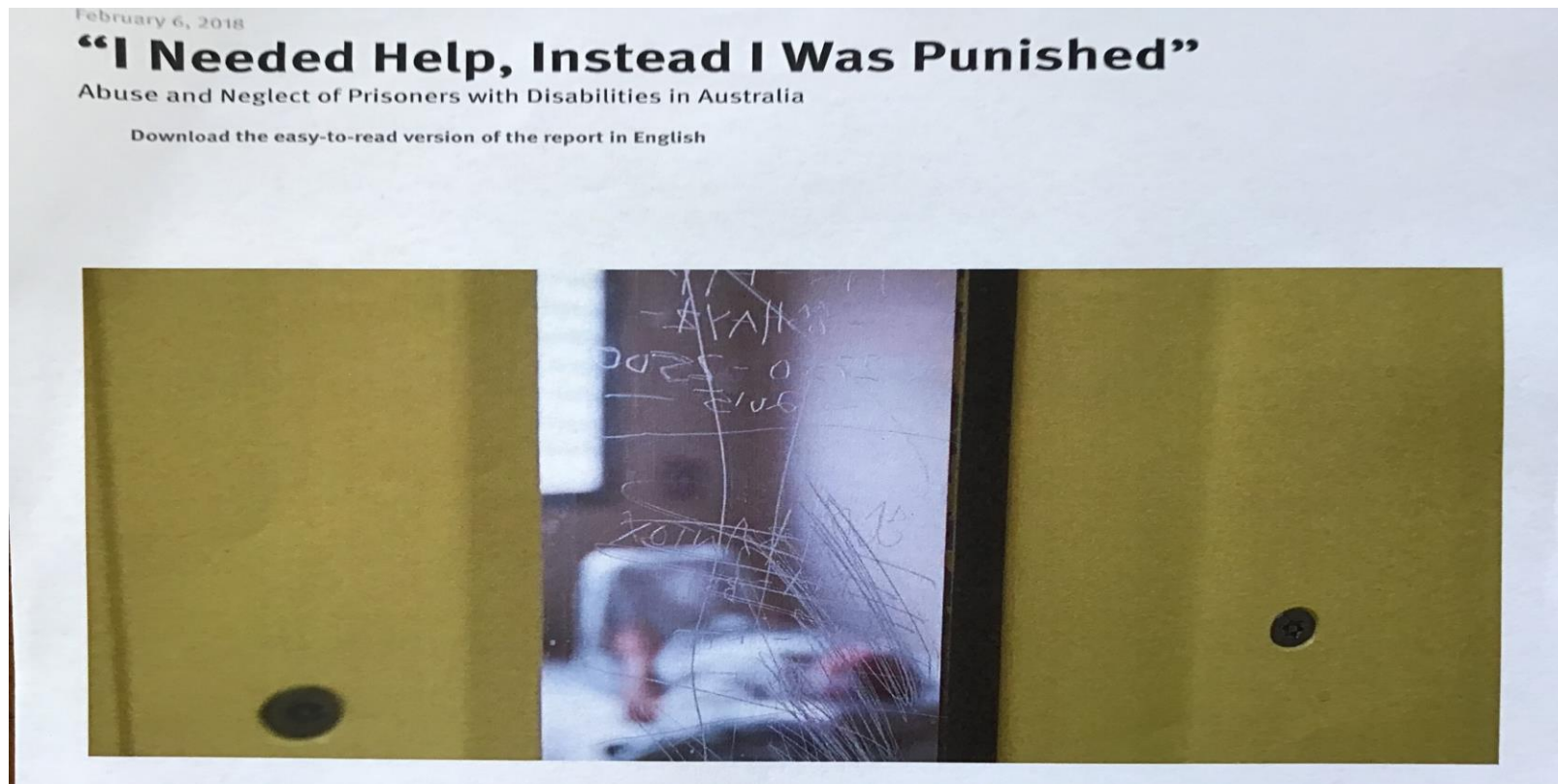
Introduction and Overview

August 2018

February 2018 Human Rights Watch report following their investigation of 14 Australian prisons:



*'People with disabilities, particularly a cognitive or psychosocial disability, are overrepresented in the criminal justice system in Australia
- comprising around 18% of the population, but almost 50% of people entering prison. They are at a higher risk of violence & abuse'*



Remand Population is now more than one third of total:

Most remanded persons are not serious offenders but impacted by insecure accommodation or a disability.

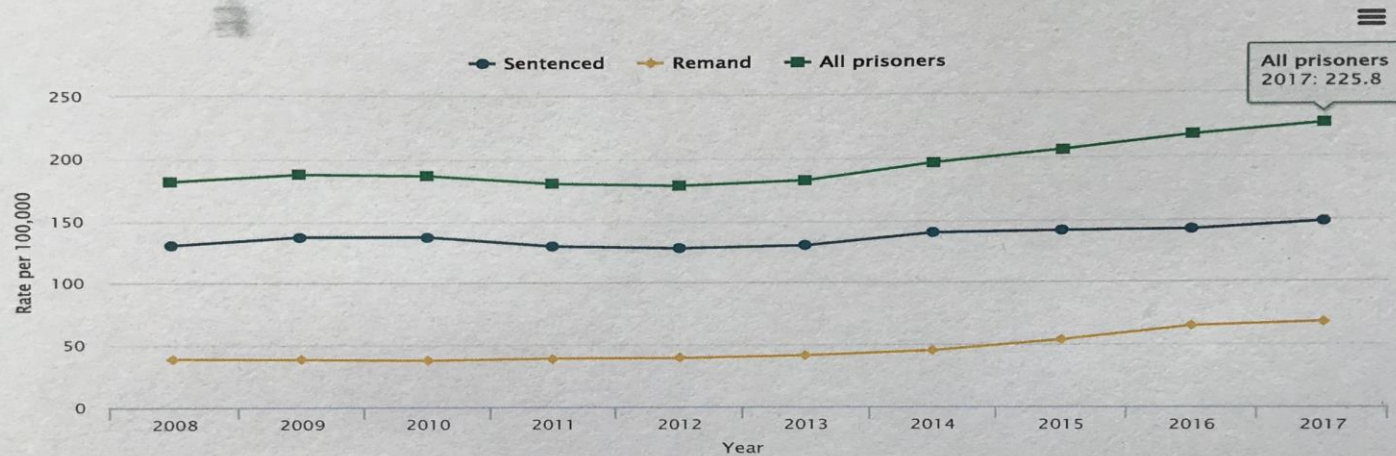
Most will not eventually be given a custodial sentence...

The majority of women in prison are on remand...



PRISONERS IN AUSTRALIA BY IMPRISONMENT STATUS

2008-2017 (RATE PER 100,000)



Note: All prisoners include prisoners in which imprisonment status was unknown

Note: Rates calculated for prisoner population recorded on 30 June for each reference year

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The remand rate in Australia increased by **3/4** between 2008 and 2017

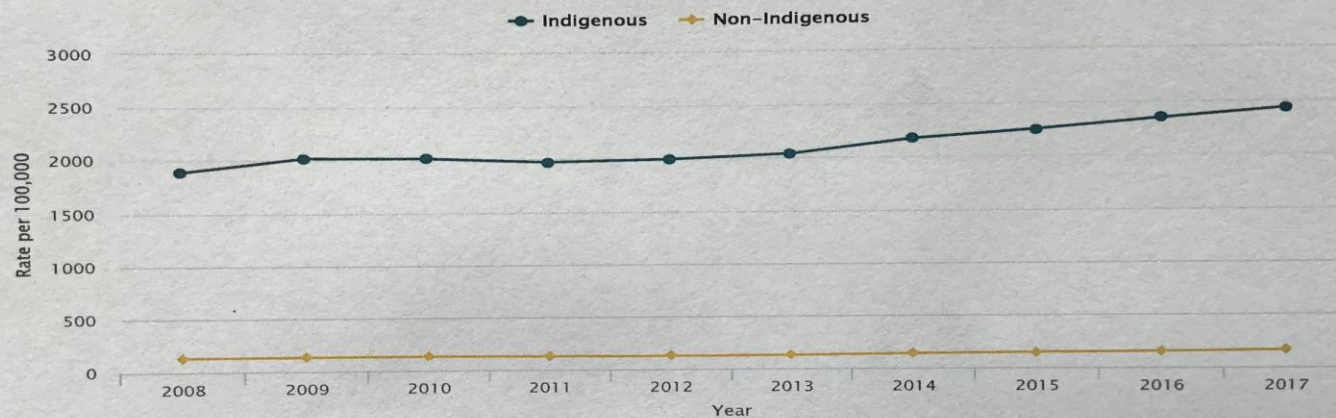
The widely recognised over-representation of indigenous persons in Australian prisons is well recognised.



Less recognised is a similar over representation of persons from disadvantaged localities and neighbourhoods.

PRISONERS IN AUSTRALIA BY INDIGENOUS STATUS

2008-2017 (RATE PER 100,000)



Rates calculated for prisoner population recorded on 30 June for each reference year



The Indigenous
imprisonment
rate is

15X higher
than non-Indigenous
imprisonment rates

It is now time for us to demand a radical change in the use of imprisonment in Australia which rejects incarceration of the marginalised, the disabled and those who pose no physical threat...

‘Imprisonment ceases to be the incarceration of individual offenders and becomes the systematic imprisonment of whole groups of the population’.

David Garland (2001)
Mass imprisonment:
Social causes and consequences

Van Gogh, The Exercise Yard, St Remy-de-Provence
(1890)



Four major locational studies in which Vinson analysed the concentration of disadvantage by postcode



1999

- Unequal In Life
- New South Wales and Victoria

2004

- Community Adversity and Resilience
- New South Wales and Victoria

2007

- Dropping Off The Edge
- National study

2015

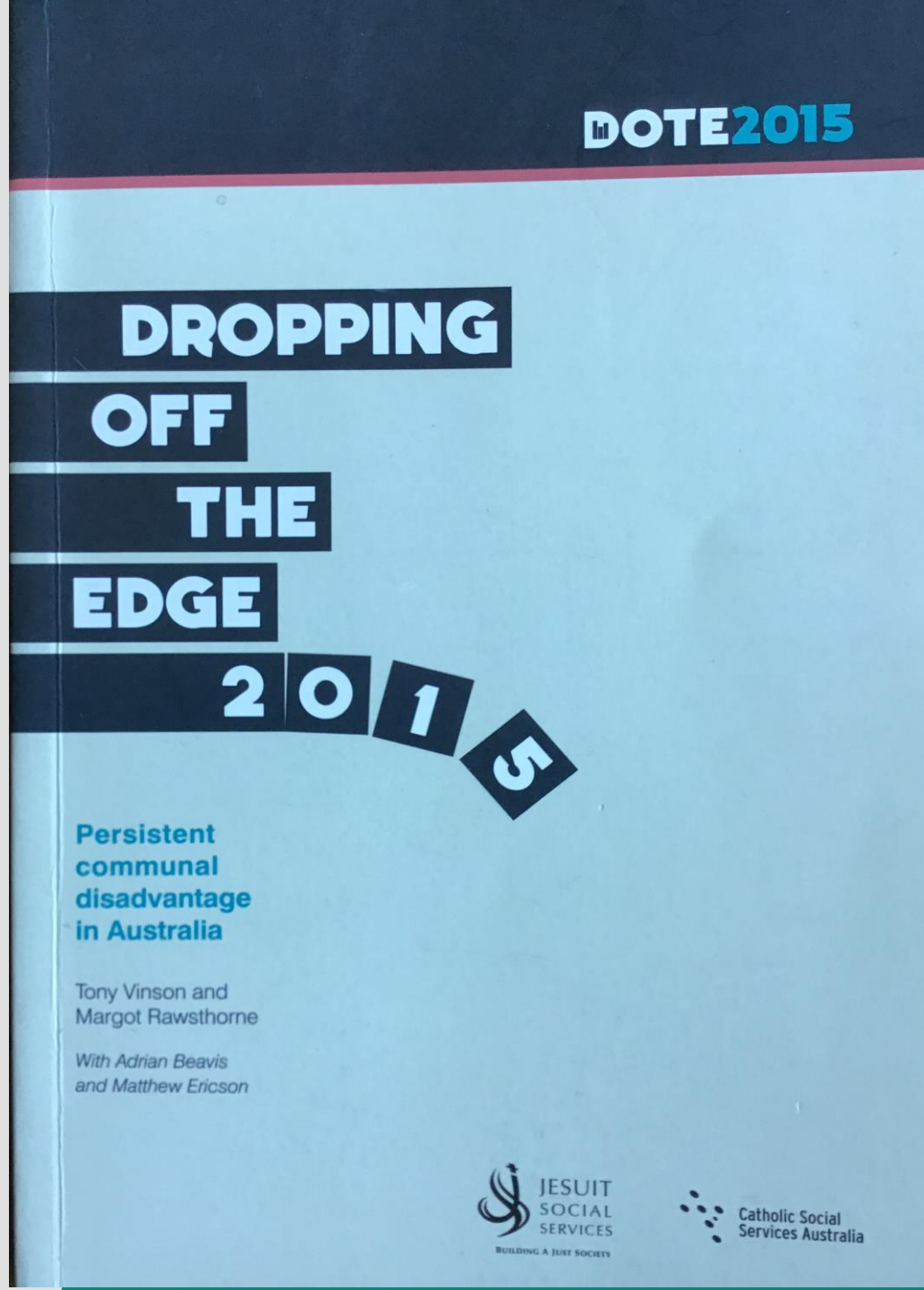
- Dropping Off The Edge (DOTE 2015) National study

DOTE 2015 2nd National Report

Proposed a National
Centre for Community
Strengthening and
Program Evaluation....

*'Imprisonment by its very nature
disrupts individuals' and families'
life opportunities. It can reflect and
help to sustain limited education,
unemployment, poverty,
homelessness and associated
social difficulties'.*

Tony Vinson



New South Wales' most disadvantaged postcodes 2015 as measured by 22 disadvantage factors (listed alphabetically)

'In NSW, 1.5% of postcodes accounted for 12-14% of the top 5% ranks on 22 indicators'

'In two-thirds of those 37 NSW localities, criminal convictions were a dominant characteristic'

'A long established relationship exists between social disadvantage and high rates of imprisonment ... two-thirds of prisoners are functionally illiterate in NSW'.

Table 3-4: Comparison of the most disadvantaged postcodes in New South Wales (based on top rankings)

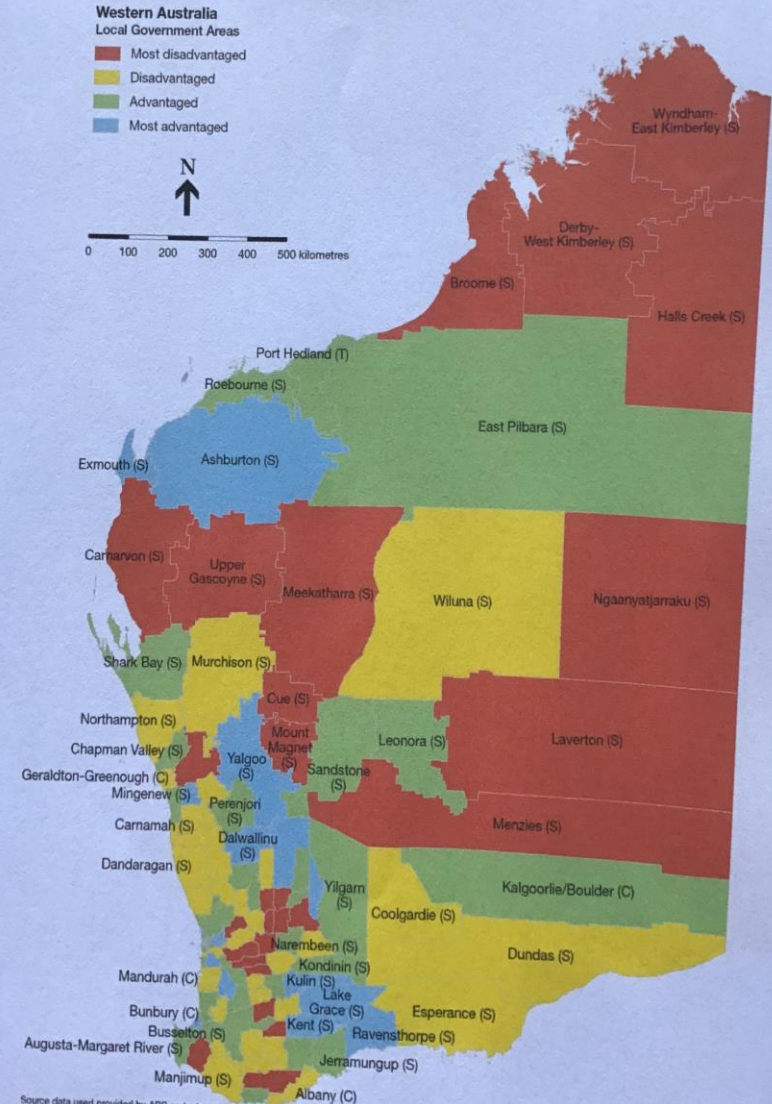
| 2014 (Total =37) | Estimated population ⁴ | 2007 (Disadvantaged total=36) | 2004 (Disadvantaged total =36) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Most disadvantaged | | Most disadvantaged | Most disadvantaged |
| 2409 Boggabilla | 647 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2840 Bourke | 2,047 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2839 Brewarrina | 1,254 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2559 Claymore | 3,308 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2833 Collarenebri | 386 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2717 Dareton | 567 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2842 Mendooran | 302 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2369 Tingha | 1,175 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2832 Walgett | 2,300 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2836 Wilcannia | 604 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2306 Windale | 3,095 | ✓ | ✓ |
| Next most disadvantaged | | | |
| 2395 Binnaway | 500 | | |
| 2449 Bowraville | 1,208 | | |
| 2294 Carrington | 1,874 | | |
| 2829 Coonamble | 2,998 | | |
| 2403 Delungra | 554 | | |
| 2165 Fairfield | 17,032 | | |
| 2828 Gulargambone | 500 | | |
| 2466 Iluka | 1,739 | | |
| 2878 Ivanhoe | 200 | | |
| 2848 Kandos | 1,284 | | |
| 2440 Kempsey | 28,134 | | |
| 2807 Koorawatha | 260 | | |
| 2672 Lake Cargelligo | 1,380 | | |
| 2834 Lightning Ridge | 4,500 | | |
| 2346 Manilla | 2,500 | | |
| 2400 Moree | 9,346 | | |
| 2406 Mungindi | 700 | | |
| 2448 Nambucca Heads | 6,137 | | |
| 2469 Northern Rivers MSC | n.a | | |
| 2645 Urana | 300 | | |
| 2163 Villawood | 5,304 | | |
| 2502 Warrawong | 4,770 | | |
| 2824 Warren | 1,523 | | |
| 2341 Werris Creek | 1,437 | | |
| 2476 Woodenbong | 477 | | |
| 2703 Yanco | 572 | | |

Most disadvantaged LGAs

Derby - West Kimberley;
Halls Creek; Meekatharra;
Menzies; Mt Margaret;
Ngaanyatjarraku;
Wyndham-East Kimberley.

Next most disadvantaged:

Beverley; Broome;
Kellerberrin; Laverton;
Mullewa; Murchison;
Tammin; Trayning; Upper
Gascoyne; Wiluna.



Those living in the 3% most disadvantaged LGAs in W.A. were:

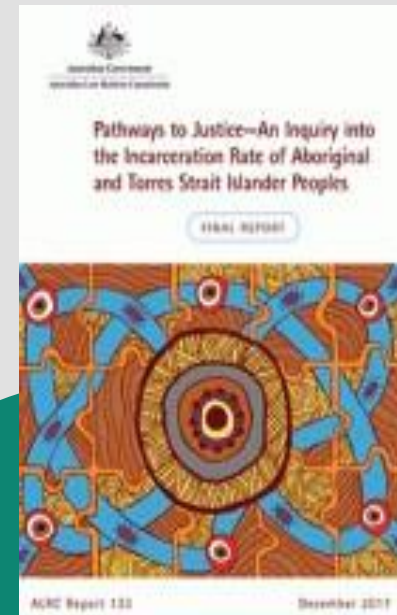
- 8 times as likely to have spent time in prison;
- 6 times as likely to have been unemployed for a lengthy period;
- 5 times more likely to have a low overall level of education; or to be disengaged from education or employment as young adult
- more than 3 times as likely to have a disability;
- 2.5 times as likely to have suffered child maltreatment.

‘Pathways to Justice’

Australian Law Reform Commission Report 2017

Social determinants of incarceration of indigenous Australians:

- Education and employment
- Health and disability
- Housing and homelessness
- Child protection and youth justice

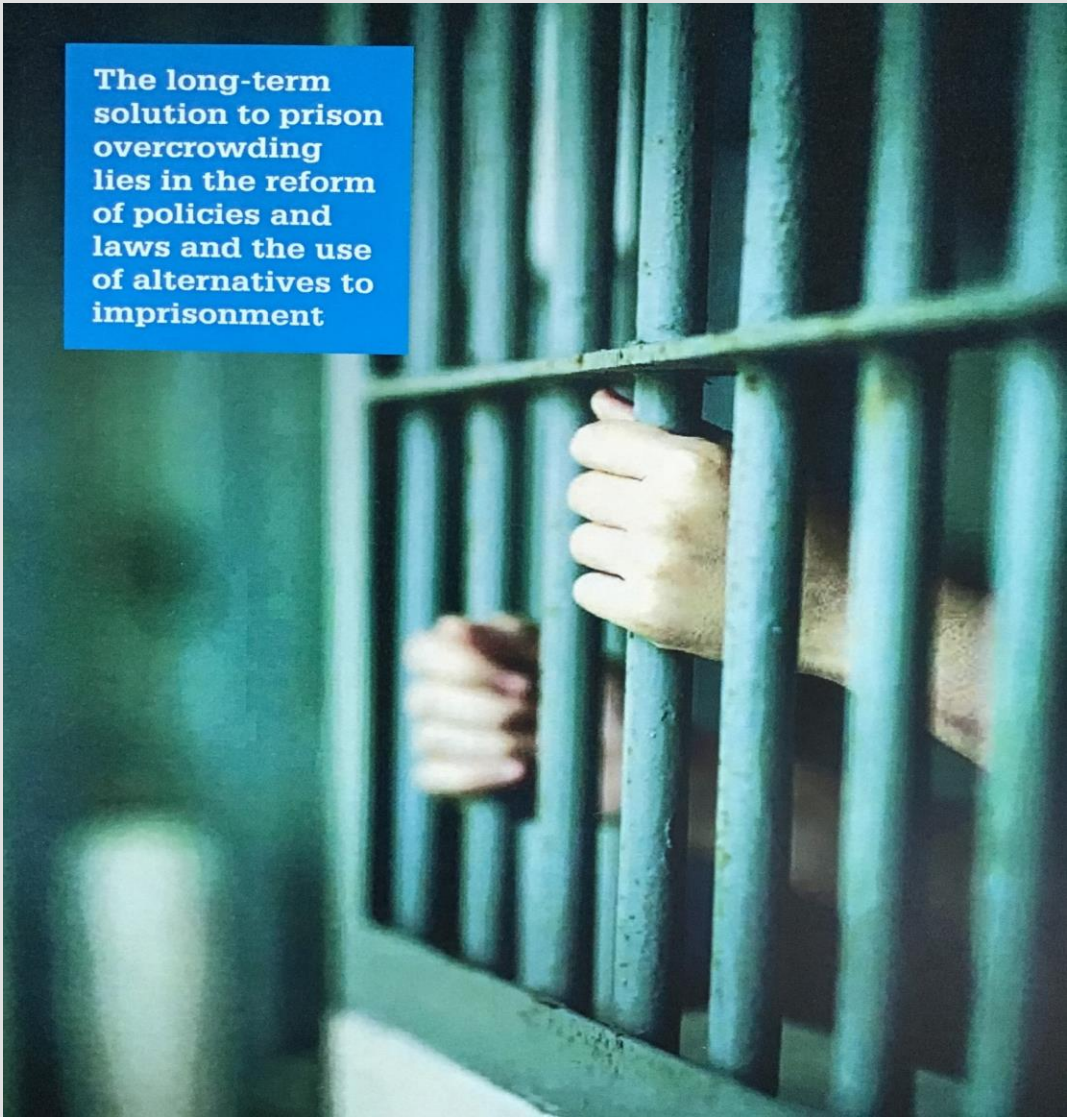


What is the solution for prison overcrowding?

Since 2000, the growth of the world prison population has exceeded general population growth. In Australia that rate was 4 – 5 times rate of overall population.

‘Strategies to address prison overcrowding should focus on crime prevention, expanding the use of alternatives to imprisonment and social interventions that promote sustainable development and reduce poverty and inequality’.

**United Nations
Social Development Goals
1, 10 & 16.**

A photograph showing a close-up of vertical metal prison bars. Several hands are visible, gripping the bars. A blue rectangular text box is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image.

The long-term solution to prison overcrowding lies in the reform of policies and laws and the use of alternatives to imprisonment

Place-Based, or Location-Based, Interventions.....

Addressing the social determinants of imprisonment in a selection of the most disadvantaged postcodes or LGA areas.

Building on the strengths of each particular location, and engaging current or potential leaders in setting the agenda.

Facilitating the resources of local, State and Federal governments to become available to those most disengaged localities.

Sustained interventions over more than ten years.....

Avoid single focused interventions....

Integrated multi program focused.



We can only hope that future generations of Australians will look back at the foundations of our rapidly growing penal estate with great regret that **we imprisoned so many marginalised peoples....**



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