



Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Recommendation

218. Engage Aboriginal communities in review of NT project

That in reviewing the Aboriginal Community Justice Project the Northern Territory Department of Correctional Services should undertake extensive consultations with all Aboriginal communities which wish to participate in the program. In pursuing this consultation, care should be given to canvassing the entire range of community opinions and the means by which these may be brought, in any relevant case, to the Court's attention.¹

Background²	In their discussion of the Aboriginal Community Justice Project in the Northern Territory, the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC) Commissioners noted the importance of considering diverse perspectives when seeking advice and the views of Aboriginal communities. They recognised that on law-and-order issues, the perspectives of senior women were likely to be different to those of senior men, which would be different again from younger people.
Intent	To ensure diverse community perspectives were captured in the review of the Aboriginal Community Justice Project.
Responsibility	Northern Territory Government.
Key action taken	
2005 Review³	This recommendation was classified as not relevant to Victoria according to the Victorian Government 1996-97 Implementation Report.
2018 Review⁴	Not relevant to Victoria.
Since then	The Aboriginal Justice Caucus confirmed this recommendation was not relevant to Victoria.
Evidence of impact	
Authorising documents	None identified.
Outputs	None identified.
Outcomes	None identified.

¹ *Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody* (Final Report, 1991) vol 4, 97 ('RCIADIC').

² *Ibid* vol 4, [29.2.25]-[29.2.36].

³ Aboriginal Justice Forum (Vic), Department of Justice (Vic), *Victorian Implementation Review of the Recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody* (Review Report, October 2005) vol 1, 387 ('2005 Review').

⁴ Deloitte Access Economics, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, *Review of the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody* (Report, August 2018) 439 ('2018 Review').

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Community views

None identified.

Related recommendations

None identified.

Assessment summary⁵

Recommendation 218 was not relevant to Victoria.

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