



Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Recommendation

232. Community Police in Queensland

That the question of Community Police in Queensland and the powers and responsibilities of Community Councils in relation to them be urgently reviewed. ¹

Background ²	The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody highlighted major concerns regarding the role of community police in Queensland and stressed the need for a comprehensive review of how community police were employed and trained, as well as their overall role in maintaining law and order. Commissioner Wyvill recognised that existing policing practices had failed and needed to be fundamentally changed.
Intent	Review the responsibilities of community police and community councils in Queensland.
Responsibility	Queensland Government.
Key action taken	
2005 Review ³	This Recommendation was classified as not relevant to Victoria according to the Victorian Government 1996-97 Implementation Report.
2018 Review⁴	Deloitte concluded that the Queensland Government had fully implemented Recommendation 232 by reviewing and implementing recommendations about the powers and responsibilities of community police.
Since then	The Aboriginal Justice Caucus confirmed that Recommendation 232 was solely the responsibility of the Queensland Government and 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, 161 ('RCIADIC').

² Ibid vol 4, [29.7.18]-[29.7.25].

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) 467 ('2018 Review').

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Community views

None identified.

Related recommendations

None identified.

Assessment summary

The Aboriginal Justice Caucus confirmed that Recommendation 232 was not relevant to Victoria.

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