



## 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.<sup>1</sup>*

<b>Background<sup>2</sup></b>	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.
<b>Intent</b>	Review the responsibilities of community police and community councils in Queensland.
<b>Responsibility</b>	Queensland Government.
<b>Key action taken</b>	
<b>2005 Review<sup>3</sup></b>	This Recommendation was classified as not relevant to Victoria according to the Victorian Government 1996-97 Implementation Report.
<b>2018 Review<sup>4</sup></b>	Deloitte concluded that the Queensland Government had <b>fully implemented</b> Recommendation 232 by reviewing and implementing recommendations about the powers and responsibilities of community police.
<b>Since then</b>	The Aboriginal Justice Caucus confirmed that Recommendation 232 was solely the responsibility of the Queensland Government and not relevant to Victoria.
<b>Evidence of impact</b>	
<b>Authorising documents</b>	None identified.
<b>Outputs</b>	None identified.
<b>Outcomes</b>	None identified.

<sup>1</sup> *Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody* (Final Report, 1991) vol 4, 161 ('RCIADIC').

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid* vol 4, [29.7.18]-[29.7.25].

<sup>3</sup> 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').

<sup>4</sup> 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<sup>5</sup>

Recommendation 232 was not relevant to Victoria.

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<sup>5</sup> Meeting with Aboriginal Justice Caucus Working Group (Project Team, In Person, 4 November 2022) ('*Working Group Meeting (4 November 2022)*'); Meeting with Aboriginal Justice Caucus Working Group (Project Team, In Person, 2 August 2023) ('*Working Group Meeting (2 August 2023)*'); Meeting with Aboriginal Justice Caucus (Project Team, In Person, 20 September 2023) ('*Aboriginal Justice Caucus Meeting (20 September 2023)*').