



Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Recommendation

281. Resource community regulation of beer canteens

That Aboriginal communities that seek assistance in regulating the operation of beer canteens in their communities be provided with funds so as to enable effective regulation, especially where a range of social, entertainment and other community amenities are incorporated into the project.¹

Background²	The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC) noted that many Aboriginal communities were concerned about the impact of beer canteens and sought assistance in identifying and resolving related difficulties.
Intent	Fund Aboriginal communities to effectively regulate beer canteens.
Responsibility	The Commonwealth and all state and territory governments.
Key action taken	
2005 Review³	Liquor Licensing advised that licensed beer canteens as envisaged by the RCIADIC did not operate in Victoria.
2018 Review⁴	Deloitte concluded that Recommendation 281 did not apply to the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia and Tasmania.
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.
Community views	None identified.

¹ Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (Final Report, 1991) vol 4, 283 ('RCIADIC').

² Ibid vol 4, 283 [32.2.26].

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, 258 ('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) 572 ('2018 Review').

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Related recommendations

None identified.

Assessment summary⁵

Recommendation 281 was not relevant to Victoria.

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