

**Submission
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COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

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I wish to lodge a submission regarding the Rural and Regional crime enquiry

Whilst I do not have the statistics, I am under the impression that a large percentage of crime in Rural and Regional Australia, whilst mostly petty is being committed by members of our indigenous community.

This fact is emphasised by the numbers of Aboriginal people in incarceration

Personally, I feel the problem is nearly insurmountable, having started from white settlement in Australia.

Is it no wonder our Aboriginal community are angry, frustrated, bored, neglected and violent with very little regard for their white compatriots.

I am particularly concerned for further incarceration in the prison system, particularly for young offenders.

Firstly there must be truth telling and discussion with as many elders but may I suggest, purpose built villages be designed and constructed where families are brought together, using both white and Aboriginal law, where there is mental health support, education but not a white model, art culture, ceremony however the whole family including uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, elders all have to be incarcerated in a manner designed by Aboriginal people, where they have to plan and demonstrate solutions to crime, alcohol, drug abuse domestic violence. As the individuals start to be released from this programme, mentors could be appointed or chosen to support and encourage and assimilate

Incarceration in white prisons is totally useless, in fact disgraceful.

May I also suggest, every rural property sold in Australia is taxed at a certain percentage to create an Indigenous investment fund to provide funds needed for ongoing support

I would also like to see serious police education regarding truth telling and respect

Finally a voice for our First Nations People

Yours Sincerely

Kerry Chick