

Victoria Pymm - inebriates

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Hello Tanya Bosch,  
I am interested in the current proceedings to do with the Inebriates Act.  
I am unsure about whether I am too late to make a submission.

I worked for the Dept. Health, Prison Medical Service as a Nurse, late 1970's and early 1980's. There was a wing at the Long Bay complex, where inebriates were treated, the facilities and accommodation were very basic, but delousing etc was carried out by a prisoner, who did as best he could in the caring of these unfortunate people.  
I think the period of time these people were detained for was 3 months.

I am unaware of the current housing and treatment of these people who come under the Inebriates Act. I feel that there is a serious lack of facilities for the treatment of drug and alcohol affected people right across the board.

Lack of funds seems to be the major problem, and I put this down to the inappropriate locking up of people in the Prison system, which houses many people with drug and alcohol problems, including those with a psychiatric problem, who also maybe affected by drug or alcohol problems.

I personally believe that non violent prisoners need to be released from the gaols, and community based programs setup for alternative "punishment" for people without a drug or alcohol problem.

This would allow for non custodial accommodation run by the Dept, Health for much needed treatment centres. I believe that this would be humane and cost affective. The displacement of people only enhances the problems we face now and in the future. This would be a positive start, and there are many other possibilities which can be added.

Sincerely,  
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