

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO HIGH LEVEL OF FIRST NATIONS
PEOPLE IN CUSTODY AND OVERSIGHT AND REVIEW OF
DEATHS IN CUSTODY**

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it is disgraceful to be faced with these unacceptable statistics. it is due to the inherit racism in which our police forces and governments have within them, that these statistics are so high. in the case of Tanya Day, a deaths in custody advocate, who was asleep on a train after having a couple of drinks. she was awoken and taken into custody by police who left her in a cell, without conducting appropriate checks and performing their job to the standard in which it is to be completed. Day then fell and hit her head, resulting in a head injury which ultimately caused her death in hospital hours after the initial fall. this treatment occurs throughout our country, our police stations, our communities, and it is time a change happens. the inherit racism is the soul cause of these deaths in custody, as well as the mistreatment of Aboriginal people in the healthcare system, education system, and justice system as a whole. it is time for a change.