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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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The Australian government as a body have done very little in the last 200 years of foreign colonisation to address and correct the wrongdoings to the First Peoples of this great nation that is now recognised as Australia. From the mass genocide of over three quarters of the Aboriginal population, to the lack of appropriate classification and consultation with these people, who hold the rightful sovereignty to this land, and the complete and utter refusal of a treaty to this day, in 2020.

Now, due to the lack of education within governing bodies and people of power in this country, there is an ignorance so strong that there has been an ongoing problem with the correct protocols being followed in regards to the power structure within this modern society, that there is no care in the way that Aboriginal people have not been fairly treated with the current justice system.

The Indigenous population only accounts for a very small 3.3% of the entire Australian population whilst being the First People here, this is due to the wilful murder and continuous enslavement of these people to this day without proper systems being held in place to protect these people.

Whilst only making up 3.3% of the Australian population, these people make up for over one third of Australia's incarcerated population. They also make up for 100% of the incarcerated youth in Western Australia, and down so much over representation within the low socioeconomic threshold. This is not their fault although there have been made various negative stereotypes that are being portrayed and encouraged by Australian media and government officials. Appropriate cultural sensitivity and education needs to be enforced and improved so that Government can better understand the problems and improve these rates, prison reform and investigation within legal systems and judiciary committees and systems need to be looked at further to better understand and improve these rates. In a very short 19 years since the 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, there have been 438 deaths and not one of these have been appropriately investigated or even cared about by the Australian government. Do you not care about the people who are so obviously struggling at your hands? This is the worst case of Intergenerational Trauma in all of the European colonies countries.

This is not on them, this is a problem at the hands of the Judicial system, the Governing system and the Education system for failing both Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples on the correct history, culture and importance of these peoples and their lives.

Aboriginal men have the highest suicide rates in the entire world, this can only be improved when people in power decide to actually care about the First Nations of this great and beautiful country. But until then, Australia and its government will continue to be the great laughing stock and disappointment of the developed countries of this world. Yawuu, Oongali Yanay.

A proud, Kamilaraay yinarr,
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