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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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I am writing to express my want for an inquiry into the over representation of Aboriginal people in custody and Aboriginal deaths in custody. It is clear that Aboriginal people are over represented in our prison system, and in connection to this there is an over policing of Aboriginal people, particularly Aboriginal youth. The system within our state needs to address this problem as it has clear negative implications on our communities. The over policing of Aboriginal people is unnecessary, and the treatment of the criminal justice system means that Aboriginal people are given harsher punishment than other Australians. Additionally, for the family and friends of those whose loved ones have passed away while in custody have the right to know the circumstances of their loved ones death from an impartial and thorough investigation, which we know are not always being delivered. The system is failing our people, and there needs to be an investigation into it.