

**Submission  
No 54**

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

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I call for an inquiry into the high level of incarceration rates of First Nations people and call for a review into the lack of investigation into the high rates of deaths in custody where no person, police officer, prison officer or organisation has been held responsible for one of the 435 deaths in custody. I call for a review to stop the over policing of communities where police look for problems through racist and 'whitewashed' eyes and do not consult with Elders about their community. I call for all politicians, police and non-indigenous people to know and be taught about First Nations culture before working with communities so understanding informs their perspectives as I believe this is the core reason why this situation among others is not improving. If any individual does not know or understand culture they are culturally ignorant and are therefore rendered inadequate to make decisions within communities. It is shameful that us as a nation have not united with our First Nations people instead we are still the colonials practising racial vilification upon the longest living culture on earth.