

**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 clear that our 'system' is very broken when it comes to managing 'crime' in our indigenous communities; there is a massive overrepresentation of Aboriginies in custody and sadly, far too many deaths. Changing this starts with a better, more transparent method of investigation.

But let's name this for what it is. Our policing methods are backdated, disrespectful of culture, the Aboriginal value systems and often straight out racist.

When will we learn that what we have been doing for hundreds of years must change? We interfere far too much and try to impose our culture, values and beliefs.

Give our First Nations people the respect, rights and privileges they deserve - as everyone deserves. The main issue that must be resolved is land ownership and a treaty. Fixing our policing methods is an important step in the right direction, and long overdue.

I'm tired of being ashamed for being a white person in Australia. Fix this broken system and help make me proud.

Sincerely,  
Jorj Lowrey