

**Submission
No 89**

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

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1. There must be improved social services for the Indigenous to combat endemic problems such as poverty, unemployment and substance abuse, using medical professionals, caseworkers and/or mentors.
2. Alternative penalties (e.g. home detention, community service or training programs) should be considered well ahead of incarceration.
3. Police, judicial and custodial officers must receive an advanced level of training in cultural awareness and in all specific issues which are particular to the Indigenous.
4. All personnel tasked with dealing with the Indigenous must be psychometrically tested on a regular basis to ensure their continued suitability for their roles.
5. There must be an increased level of supervision of the Indigenous within correctional centres.