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There is so many violence with gunbang. I lost my two family. One daughter in July. One sister last week. Sister and daughter.

I don't know what Aboriginal organisations doing.  
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They should be helping bininj to get better life. I don't know what's going on.

There are 2 types of drugs that are a big worry. Gunbang, that's how I lost 2 family and gunja, that gundalk.

We need more community involved. We need more djamun [police] involved. They need to work together to make it better for Bininj community.

Uniting Church too. Church helps some bininj. Some bininj go to church but more should be involved in church. Church can help people understand, balanda and bininj understand each other, help bininj understand balanda way, balanda and bininj working together. And Aboriginal organisations they can help. Need to support communication between bininj and balanda – so balanda can understand and respect bininj life.

No person can stand up and say stop it . No one says we just want to do good things for Bininj community.

Anything that happens to make things better should have senior people and elders involved. Should come through them. Elders and senior people understand bininj ways, they know bininj life, they can help each other live together. They need to be respected. They need to be involved. Not left out.

Not much people helping bininj people. Sometimes no help for bininj people.

I spent 2 years in jail and 18 months on parole at Marikawo outstation because I lost control of my life and was drinking too much gunbang. I did wrong things because of too much gunbang. I've done right thing by balanda law to make up for what I did wrong.

People need to talk to elders. It is most important to understand, sort things out, and pay respect, understand.

Police can be involved with people in the community – get more information about what is happening. Stop wrong things.

Gundalk and gunbang those two are just damaging people too much. The police and community need to work together. Need strong person for night patrol – work with police.

Gunbang there are some ways to control it, but gundalk really bad but no way to control it.

I can see what happens now. People get hurt. Too much trouble. I know I did really wrong things in the community but I've tried to make up.

Gundalk really bad thing. Has got to be stopped. Why do balanda start bringing gundalk. It's no good for people.

Can there be some reports. I need full information about how my people get involved with police, involvement because of gunbang and gundalk. The elders need that information.

I don't think djamun do the right thing about domestic violence. If a daluk goes to djamun about trouble with her husband without her husband knowing that causes big problem. Can the djamun go and talk to senior people and elders, and talk about what's going on. The family need to make up their mind If the djamun and the bininj talk about it with the family then they decide whether to have restraining order that's good, but if a djamun makes a decision straight away then

there will always be trouble. Better to talk with the family to see if we can find a way that works for both. When the Bininj is sober and calm it is better to talk to the bininj involved and his family.

Better to talk to the family to see if we can find something that works for both. Only really the problem is the alcohol and gunja. The gunbang problem can't be fixed only one way.

Sometimes bininj go to CAAPS or an alcohol counsellor or a dry outstation but there is still a big problem – can't be fixed. I'm trying to get people to come out on country to outstation, it's a dry area. They can see good things of culture, hunt, do good things – not drink.

Here in Jabiru it is hard. Too much gunbang. No clan, no culture, no bininj help one another – just gunbang and gundalk – really sad bininj losing everything. Only djamun and balanda in charge - on top. Balanda and djamun act like they run this country but that's not all of the story. That's why we like our outstation . Bininj place, no gunbang, not only djamun and balanda running the place.

With the Club, my daughter, only 19 years old, died just near that Club. They didn't help when they were asked. This has caused a lot of sadness for me and my family. That Club should care for people more.

Are there any Bininj on that Club committee? Can bininj people be on that committee? What about bininj staff at that Club? Larrk. And we don't need bininj from other places in Australia working at that Club, but local bininj from around here who know the families and speak our language. Local bininj need to work there.

People need hope and things to do that are good. We get CDEP but there must be something more that we can do with our lives.

People who have been to CAAPS for treatment can come back to our outstation, learn culture, bring back culture, customary law, respect for elders - make them strong again instead of just drinking and smoking.

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