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## Context:

Care and Protection of Children Legislation Amendment (Every Child Matters) Bill 2026  
This Bill amends the Care and Protection of Children Act 2007 (the Act).

The Bill amends the Act to keep children safe and central to decision making; hold parents accountable in caring for and meeting the basic needs of their children; and promotes an early intervention model to respond to child wellbeing concerns.

The Bill achieves this by:

- (a) removing Part 6A of the Youth Justice Act 2005 (NT) (responsible care and supervision within the family) and inserting this into the Act;
- (b) introducing accountability measures applicable to parents who refuse to engage with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), supports and services;
- (c) clarifying the operation of the guiding principles of the Act;
- (d) introducing a broad Child Placement Principle to guide placement decisions with a focus on permanency and stability;
- (e) introducing a legislative framework for proactive efforts to support early intervention and better decision making, and promote accountability; and
- (f) strengthening children's access to independent legal representation in long-term child protection matters

These reforms seek to systemically address the drivers of statutory child protection and youth engagement by providing a stepped escalation pathway and shared accountability for addressing the needs of children and families living in the Northern Territory. This reform will offer early intervention support to parents via family responsibility agreements and orders, which are not intended to replace statutory child protection intervention.

Once families enter the statutory child protection system, this reform seeks to support consistent child-focused decision making with an emphasis on safety, long-term stability and permanency considerations for the child.

Additionally, the Bill amends the Act's Working with Children Clearance (WWCC) scheme contained in Part 3.1 of the Act to extend the period of validity of a clearance from two to five years; introduce the power to suspend a clearance or an application; remove the CEO's discretion to issue WWCC exemptions; address administrative inefficiencies; and support the operationalisation of mutual recognition of negative notices in the Northern Territory

From: Explanatory Statement  
CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EVERY CHILD MATTERS) BILL 2026 SERIAL NO. 67 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY MINISTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION

## Introduction

Yes Please Solutions Inc. commenced as an unincorporated association late 2023 and incorporated on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2025

Yes Please Solutions Inc. has members, who have voted for a range of parties in the past, and we wish to remain non-party aligned. Please Solutions Inc. considers that our local, state/territory and federal government/s (whichever mix is in power) needs to

1. acknowledge that the British Government stole the land from First Nations peoples
2. formulate a mechanism for making financial and other restitution for that theft

3. develop a Treaty with First Nations peoples that includes such financial restitution and whatever other terms grant them self-determination and social justice.
4. dismantle systemic racism wherever it is identified
5. narrow the wealth gap for all Australians by bringing all Australians out of poverty.
6. address violence of all kinds – including domestic violence and war.
7. Address systemic violence and trans-generation trauma caused by all aspects of our legal system, policing, sentencing, correctional facilities and related systems such as out of home care.

### Addressing the Proposed Changes

Yes Please Solutions Inc. does not support this Bill for the following reasons:

1. “These reforms seek to systemically address the drivers of statutory child protection and youth engagement”

These changes appear to be a kneejerk reaction to the recent Alice Springs murder of Kumanjayi Little Baby and **do not address** the systemically driver’s statutory child protection and youth engagement.

In fact the reverse! These changes continue to **systematically entrench the drivers** – early removal of children from their families, which has come from previous removals of children, especially for Indigenous Australian children under the Stolen Generations.

**These changes will increase the number of children from families and continue the cycles of transgenerational trauma.**

2. **“introducing accountability measures applicable to parents, supports and services;”**. If these changes are to be truly preventative, then “supports and services” need to be held **accountable first** – especially the NT government, government funded supports and service need – by being fully funded to keep children in or with families of the same cultural backgrounds, by workers who are from cultural backgrounds of those children, in places where they can have easy contact with their families members and parents.

**The vast majority of removals are related to poor housing and community facilities, poverty and neglect – not to violence.**

**Whilst parents do need to be held accountable, punishing their children by removal is not just or fair.**

Perhaps, if the offending parent/s are required to do participate in culturally appropriate programs to address the specific direct causes of such neglect – along with or after an assessment of the related causes then the cycle is more likely to be stopped.

3. **“introducing a broad Child Placement Principle to guide placement decisions with a focus on permanency and stability”**

Removal of children needs to be as short as is possible to make the family and surrounding community environment safe and monitoring processes established.

Children are resilient. Provided they receive safe, loving and appropriate resource support, they can adapt quickly. Permanency and Stability can equal = Inflexibility and Entrenched long-term Trauma affecting their adult lives and those of their children and grandchildren.

Given these changes were only referred on 13 May 2026, too short a time to prepare a comprehensive submission. We only see information about this Inquiry at 2pm – we will attach as much factually support as possible.

Yours sincerely  
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## Re Child Protection

Dr Tracy Westerman AM MD  
Indigenous Psychological Services  
The Westerman Jilya Institute for  
Indigenous Mental Health Greater Perth Area

Dr Tracy Westerman rebukes Jacinta Price's demonisation of Indigenous people over one child's death

Dr Tracy Westerman, who is a specialist in this field, presented her response by [LINKED IN today \(14.5.26\)](#). This information has been slightly re-arranged and edited to assist in creating these images.

Yes Please Solutions considers the points Tracy makes - highlight the need for

- more Indigenous workers (*e.g. 90% Indigenous not 90% non-Indigenous*) to support vulnerable families where children suffer neglect due to poverty and transgenerational trauma
- actions to address systemic racism - the figures clearly show systemic racism is part of the mix.
- programs to ensure children are supported in their communities, not in out-of-home placements.

NB The long-term costs make preventative approaches - more logical, compassionate and cheaper - than continuing the "Stolen Generation" under a different name (Out-of-Home Care)

<p>Every time an Aboriginal child dies Same Response Not fund services Not resource families Demonise an entire culture</p>	<p>I cannot think of a single instance where a non-Indigenous child's death prompted calls to demonise all non-Indigenous people Yet here we are Again</p>	<p>The data tells a different story to the one being weaponised right now. 92% of children in NT care are already Aboriginal. The system has never gone soft on Aboriginal people. 82% of those removals are for neglect – the lowest type of risk – BUT most vulnerable to cultural bias, and the one needing intensive family support. No removal</p>
<p>I cannot think of a single instance where a non-Indigenous child's death prompted calls to demonise all non-Indigenous people. Yet here we are Again</p>	<p>Sexual abuse – what many first think – 6% of notifications for Aboriginal children 10% for non-Indigenous children</p>	

The Kimberley has the highest rates of child suicide in the country  
 – Indigenous children dying at 6 times the rate of non-Indigenous children

**Removal does not protect children**

**It destroys them**

**And that harm is generational**

In the Pilbara, **96%** of children in care are Aboriginal

**The Kimberley 100%**

**It defies logic.**

NOW over **25,000** Aboriginal children removed from their families.

**The same number as the Stolen Generations.**

**We are not learning**  
**We are repeating**

We are supposed to believe there has never been a non-Indigenous child in the Kimberley deemed in need of state protection!

In WA, removing just 4 child protection districts – the most remote and most under-resourced – from the total of 20 districts - **drops the Aboriginal removal rate from 61% to 38%**

Meanwhile, the government funds intensive family support programs that **80%** non-Indigenous families access – delivered by a workforce that is **90%** non-Indigenous.

**Over the past decade, the non-Indigenous removal rate has fallen 13%**  
**The Indigenous rate has risen 120%**

**Same system – Same decade**  
**One group served – one group not**

**Child abuse is a human issue**

Only **5%** of child protection notifications come from wealthy suburbs.

**We are targeting poor Black families while Other children go unseen**

**Linking culture to abuse is Eugenics**

**It has always been Eugenics**

*NB Eugenics is a **discredited, pseudoscientific** belief system*



If Senator Price and the CLP believe otherwise, they need to show us exactly where.

**Not rhetoric**  
**Actual cases**  
**And report those cases**

*Don't stand in front of the country and demonise an entire culture acting like the system hasn't removed children at breathtaking numbers.*

**THE PIPELINE IS STRAIGHTFORWARD:**

- \* **REMOVAL** →
- \* **JUSTICE SYSTEM** →
- \* **SUBSTANCE USE** →
- \* **VIOLENCE** →
- \* **POOR HEALTH** →
- \* **POOR EDUCATION**

Every organisation working on those outcomes\* exists largely because of the Stolen Generations.

We are building the next generation of that client base right now.



**DON'T DENY** the fact that when families reach out for help they are being harmed instead.

**That Denial prevents us from learning from history**  
**We are repeating this history**

*The Child Placement Principle has never stopped authorities from protecting a child at genuine risk*

Systemic maltreatment of babies and children, and its consequences:



e.g. Babies with preventable rheumatic fever  
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/20854325/>

e.g. Children in Prisons  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3Z6X2h4eLW>

e.g. The number of Indigenous kids in out of home care  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3Z6X2h4eLW>

e.g. Trans-generational Trauma  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlqx8EYvRbQ>

e.g. Loss of Language  
<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/hippocampus/story/2021/reviving-indigenous-languages>

e.g. Close the Gap 2025 Report  
<https://closethegap.org.au/2026-close-the-gap-campaign-report-calls-for-legislative-reform-to-advance-first-peoples-health-and-rights/>

**How - in the last 50 years - have we become jealous of people on welfare and government support?**

**That is, those with the lowest incomes in our country?**

**Rather than those people who earn \$5 million+ a year**

**Because the sources of news in our country have the interests of the wealthy at heart who don't want to share their good fortune with those less fortunate**

disadvantage.

**- Indigenous poverty, disadvantage, cost of living pressures**

Data available in early 2026 highlights that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to face severe, systemic inequality across poverty, income, and housing.

**Poverty and Economic Disadvantage:**

Recent data confirm that Indigenous Australians are

- disproportionately affected by poverty, with 30-35% of households living in income poverty. Approximately 41% of Indigenous households reported food insecurity due to a lack of money, and over 40% live in areas with high levels of social

- **Income Gap:** The median weekly household income for First Nations people is 28% lower than for non-Indigenous people, a gap that stretches to 50% in remote areas. Furthermore, 35% of Indigenous adults live in households within the lowest 20% of the household income distribution, nearly double the rate of non-Indigenous adults.
- **Housing Crisis:** The housing gap is widening, with First Nations people accounting for 31% of all homeless families, despite being on 4% of Australians. Between 2021-22 and 2023-24, the number of Indigenous families seeking help for homelessness rose, and in 2025, 38% of First Nations households receiving Commonwealth Rent Assistance were still in rental stress.
- **Remote Disadvantage:** In remote areas, 54% of Indigenous households are in poverty, and 69% of Indigenous adults in very remote areas live in the lowest income quintile  
 Ref: [https://www.indigenoushpf.gov.au/measures/2-08-income#:~:text=Data%20from%20the%202021%20Census,Australian%20adults%20\(highest%20quintile\).](https://www.indigenoushpf.gov.au/measures/2-08-income#:~:text=Data%20from%20the%202021%20Census,Australian%20adults%20(highest%20quintile).)

## Programs that assist people to change their attitudes and values

These are activities that assist people to understand how certain behaviours are harmful to themselves and others. Such programs may involve a variety of strategies – films, books, podcases, listening to each other's stories such as Yarning Circles etc.

All are more likely to be successful at a **local community level\***, where, by increased self-awareness and understanding of how other people see the world with respect for people's rights to live their lives as they wish, providing they are not causing harm to themselves. Fostering a sense of Unity in Diversity and Live and Let Live, along with sharing some of all our traditional wisdom e.g. western ('*a stitch in time saves nine*', "*when angry, count to 10*") and even superstitions, with Indigenous traditional wisdom.

*\* remembering adults are more likely to trust people they know instead of strangers or statistics without a personal impact.*

## The Issue of The Criminal Justice System of Australia including Policing as well as the Incarceration of Adult Men, Women and Children.

This is an issue of **values**. What is the primary purpose of our Criminal Justice System, the values we as a nation hold, including those Australians elected to keep us safe, and what we know from **evidence-based programs** that prevent and minimise crime?

Is it **PUNISHMENT**  
or **REHABILITATION?**

What is the **COST** of  
each? And **WHO**  
**PAYS?**

Yes Please Solutions understands that National, State and Territory governments already know the answers to

1. the second question: **What is the cost and who pays?** and to
2. to the **cost and effectiveness of evidence-based** prevention, early intervention and rehabilitation services!

● UPDATE

Alarm from UN  
over racism and high  
rates of detention for  
First Nations children

Human  
Rights  
Law  
Centre

***YET: "Across Australia, governments are choosing to lock up more children, in worse conditions, for longer. In most states and territories, the age of criminal responsibility is still 10. Children in detention across the country are subjected to solitary confinement, restraints and prolonged lockdowns. And in our three focus states, governments are accelerating the worst of it."***

Ref: Amnesty Australia indigenous Youth Justice Campaign Online 6/5/26  
UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination sent an Early Warning to Australia just this week.

**"Grave concerns regarding the conditions faced by Indigenous children in detention, including solitary confinement for prolonged duration, ill-treatment and the use of spit hoods, and cases of self-harm and suicide." (5 May 2026)**

**Adult Crime = Adult Time  
= Clever Rhyme**

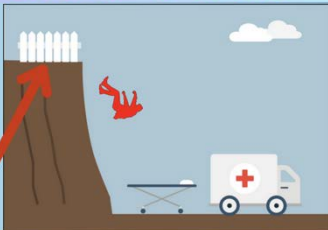
**BUT SMARTER STILL:**

**Prevent The Crime  
= Save More Dimes  
= Stop the Crime**

**BEFORE ANYONE IS HURT!**

**New Bail  
Laws  
are  
Ambulances**

**PREVENT  
CRIME**



**Stop people falling over the cliff ...  
Build the Fence at the Top!**

Ref: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/05/australia-indigenous-children-face-systemic-racial-discrimination>

[criminal#:~:text=The%20Committee%20further%20called%20on,of%20Racial%20Discrimination%20in%201975.](https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/05/australia-indigenous-children-face-systemic-racial-discrimination)

The Committee added that it had sent a letter to Australia concerning the same issue in 2025, highlighting the fact that Australia ratified the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination in 1975. (5 May 2026)

Ref:

<https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/hrbodies/cerd/earlywarning/letters/cerd-uwup-letter-115-australia.pdf>

● OPINION

# Australia's prisons cost \$7.3 billion. Who is paying the price?

Human Rights Law Centre

# The tax-payers # The incarcerated men women & children  
# Their families # Their grandchildren # The Community  
when they return and their next generation turns to crime

Australia's prison population is rising and so is the cost, but expanding prisons is not making communities safer or addressing **the root causes of harm.**

New data from the Productivity Commission shows more than \$7.3 billion is now spent on Australian prisons, while youth detention, deaths in custody and human rights concerns continue to grow.

*Rights Law Centre  
February 11 • Facebook*

### **Evidence-Based Approaches to Crime**

Several countries, primarily in Scandinavia and Europe, have gained recognition for adopting a rehabilitative approach to crime, focusing on reintegration, education, and reduced recidivism rather than solely on punishment

**“In the 1990’s, Norway had a problem. Roughly 70% of all released prisoners recommitted crimes within two years of release.**

*That rate is nearly equal to the recidivism rate in the United States today. At that time, Norway’s prison system was structured like the prison system in the United States. It was built on the idea that punishment is a deterrent. Prisoners were often given lengthy sentences in harsh conditions to send a message to others.*

*However, Norwegian lawmakers realized that the existing system wasn’t working. Crime was high, as was recidivism. Prisons were plagued with assaults, riots, and escapes. The system needed reform.*

*Norway’s government acted boldly, completely overhauling the country’s prison system. Today, Norway’s prison system has become a model for the rest of the world, and some states in the U.S. are following Norway’s lead. Norway’s recidivism rate is much lower, and prisons are now safer and more peaceful.”*

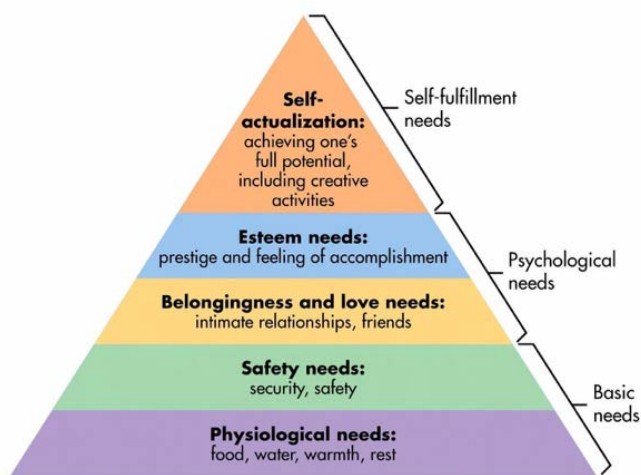
**Ref:** First Step Alliance Jan 3, 2022

# Australia’s Broken Social Contract

*you know ...*

## The one between our Government & her citizens

*National - State - Territory - Local*



**That is: To ensure our Basic Human Rights** (Physiological - clean air & water, unpolluted earth & food, warmth & rest AND Safety - Security – stable housing, protection from violence ) **are met in return for our Loyalty and participation as Citizens in our Democracy.**

At the 2025 International Women's Day Address at the [National Press Club of Australia](#) Talia Isaac, CEO of Project Herself, shared her personal experience of incarceration and addiction, highlighting the broken social

**contract in Australia's justice system, particularly regarding women's imprisonment.**

She discussed how Australia's prison system over-represents First Nations women, with rates up to 22 times higher than for non-Indigenous women

**Talia stated “our social contract has fundamentally been broken. Our governments who have been elected to provide safety to us citizens have broken the very contract we entrust them to uphold.”**

“Perhaps the most shameful example of the broken social contract is the way this country continues to lock up and marginalise the custodians of this land. “

“While elders work tirelessly to hold mob together, the destruction of land, dispossession, and

disenfranchisement makes efforts seem futile. The social contract shows itself as broken here, too. Small First Nations communities should be allowed to self-determine how they live their lives, but the systems forced upon them have taken all agency away.”

**“Having nowhere safe to live is a key factor contributing to the rising reoffending or recidivism rate, which is a term we use to place blame on individual choices when circumstances and broken social contracts dictate their reality”.**

“The social contract is broken here, too, because it is upon our leaders to ensure basic conditions of existence in our communities, and that includes food and clothing. The commonality between them is the fact that the social contract was broken, and harm was caused to them long before they caused harm.”

“There are some women who are in prison who may pose a risk to our community, often because their social contract was broken before they even entered the world”.

Ref: <https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/bigideas/australia-broken-social-contract-protecting-women-in-prison/106524260>

**ACT Jail holds just 16 women  
at a cost of \$450 per day  
\$164,250 pa person      \$2.63 million pa**

**Consider what \$164,250 services each women could  
access in the Community for that budget ...**

**DV support, housing, therapy, child-care, home-maker  
skills, budgeting, education, job training?**

Tahlia discussed how Australia's prison system **over-represents First Nations women, with rates up to 22 times higher than for non-Indigenous women and** criticized the high cost of incarceration while failing to provide adequate support for reintegration.

Isaac argued for a shift from punishment to rehabilitation, particularly for low-level offenders, and called for better funding of programs like drug courts that have proven effective in reducing recidivism. The discussion also covered issues of employment discrimination against formerly incarcerated individuals and the need for culturally appropriate support services.

**So why do some people value PUNISHMENT almost exclusively over EARLY INTERVENTION and REHABILITATION?**

**WHY NOT have those that commit crime accountable for their actions by entering educational, therapeutic, employment and other programs to give them the healing, skills and support needed so they do not have to return to crime to survive?**

## “The sins unto the third and fourth generation”

Bible Exodus 20:5, 34:7

Sin is an archery term for "missing the mark" or failing to hit the target, derived from the Greek word hamartia. It used to describe sin not just as a malicious act, but as a failure, error, or falling short in a moral or spiritual sense

This phrase primarily refers to the enduring, natural consequences of sin—such as idolatry or abusive patterns—that affect descendants, rather than inherited guilt. This concept emphasizes that choices in one generation create a damaging environment for subsequent ones.

In other words  
**TRANSGENERATIONAL  
TRAUMA**

Transgenerational (or inter-generational) trauma, defined as the transmission of trauma effects from survivors to subsequent generations who did not directly experience the event, has evolved from early psychological observations in the 1960s to a robust field involving epigenetics and neuroscience in the 2020s.

This may seem “new” but has been understood in the north-western/European cultures for many years.

We now are better understanding the effects of trauma on the nervous system, on the embryo/foetus "in utero," on a baby-child's development; that the human brain is not fully developed until early to mid-twenties etc. That genes can be changed after conception. That children, especially teenagers have difficulty with assess risk, impulse control and peer group pressure.



We know addictions are one of the Trauma responses that survivors display – especially the “flight” response .. but “fight” can be closely associated by using “hostility” as a defence to get people to back off.

**It is not a simple individual “will-power” choice. Why not compassion rather than hostility and hate?**

Indigenous cultures are not the only ones to have suffered loss of country, loss of name, loss of children, loved ones, family and generational connections and so on.

Indigenous peoples of Europe – the Celts of Northern Europe, Scotland and Ireland are prime example.

**We now know**

- **war trauma** (*World War I, II, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan – prior wars and current wars*) affecting not only the person in combat but their families and communities either through death, disability and/or PTSD when they return - causing transgenerational trauma.
- **Australia was built on an unfair Convict-Penal system** that dispossessed people also caused transgenerational trauma.
- **older religions that lacked modern understanding of the diversity of human traits**, and demonised minority groups of people who were not actually causing any harm – *i.e.. left-handed people, red-heads, those with different shaped eyes-noses or skin colours, having sex prior to marriage, having a child out of wedlock ( and maybe led to forced adoption) etc etc.* causing transgenerational trauma.

**And Note:** Religions, as teachers of morality and ethics, prior to public systems of education and the

Universal Declaration of Human Rights, correctly identified some human behaviours as harmful to self and others based. For example, the seven deadly sins (*pride, anger, greed, lust, gluttony, sloth, envy*) although greed seems in the post-industrial revolution to be considered a “virtue”.

There are people who say, “Well I was badly treated, and I turned out OK – why can’t other people do the same?”

*As discussed above ... if only it was that easy?*

**The reality is no two people have exactly the same mix of genetics, childhood & life histories .. etc and luck!**

**Who Makes the MONEY in a system that clearly does not work?**

This submission is noting Talia Isacc’s comments:

“Somewhere along the way, safety has been confused with and replaced by punishment.”

“ Somehow, our politicians have harnessed social anxiety for safety and turned justice into political theatre and a vote-buying strategy, rather than policy that actually keeps us safe.”

Talia Isaccs

“Holding people to account does not have to equal punishment. Safety can only be ensured if we provide opportunity for repair after harm has been caused.”

“Do not be confused. I am not calling for adult prisons to stop existing. In fact, there is nowhere in the world where prisons do not exist in some form.”

**Police are an important part of a safe society**  
They need training, support and to be valued for the very difficult work they do for us



**We need Competent & Intelligent Policing**  
Competent Policing has two mottos:  
First do no harm  
Two wrongs don’t make a right

**Competent Policing is not about punishing people who behave badly**  
Competent Policing is helping our communities to be safe and respectful

**Intelligent Policing is understanding the main reasons people behave badly and responding accordingly**  
Intelligent Policing is understanding the power police hold is not expressed as bullying, but in making smart choices in responding to challenging situations

**We need Competent & Intelligent Policing for First Nations peoples** **READ MORE**

**“I want to be very clear. Children's prisons have no place in our country.”**

“Our young people do not need to be... they are not that dangerous that they need to be placed in a prison where they are further pushed into being marginalised, pushed into poverty, pushed into removal from country.”

Talia Isacc CEO Project *HERSELF*  
*More about Women in Prisons Issues – See Appendix 1*

**Policing Practices**

Ref:

<https://www.alrc.gov.au/publication/pathways-to-justice-inquiry-into-the-incarceration-rate-of-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-peoples-alrc-report-133/14-police-accountability/improving-police-practices-and-procedures/>

## Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to make this Submission. We apologise for some materials being a little out-of-date. However, where that may be the case, we believe newer references would align with the points we have covered. Please contact us, if there appears to be an error in our Submission or if an aspect needs further explanation.

The Secretary (*Name Supplied*)

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***looking for ways to bring people together***

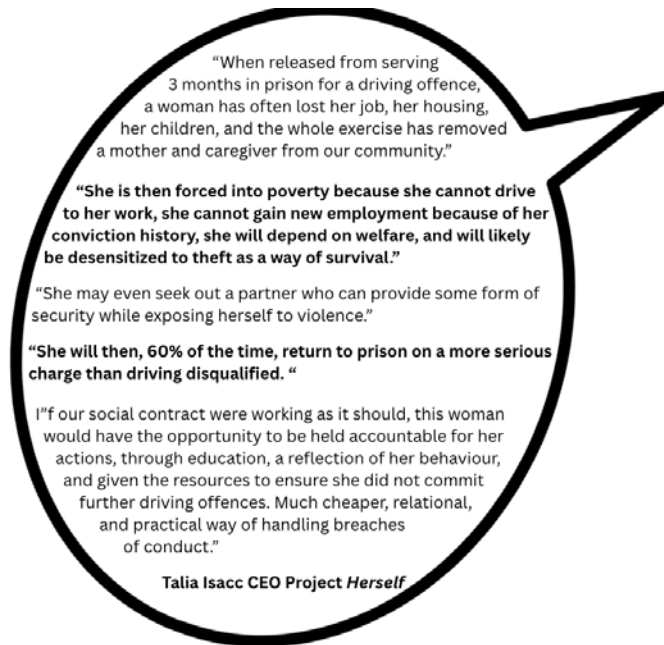
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

*Yes Please Solutions Inc acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of this land where we live, learn and work. We pay respect to elders past, present and emerging. We value their ancestors who managed the land sustainably for thousands of years, engaging in complex, sophisticated, and extensive resource management.*

*We acknowledge their cultures based on spiritual and ethical values that appreciated the interdependence of all things; that treasured the non-physical: relationships, art, ceremony and culture. Peoples who did not see themselves as owning the land, rather as seeing the land as upholding and nurturing them.*



## Appendix 1



“It's a colossal waste of money, of potential, of resources, of court capacity.”

As an advocate, I have sat with women who have been charged with stealing. Stealing food to feed their children, stealing school clothes so their kid could go to school with new school clothes.

**We've taken to the consumption, production and sale of food means that while people struggle to afford the basic needs, big corporations turn billions in profit and food waste has exploded.**

In prison, I lived and worked with women who had committed serious acts of violence in defence of their own lives.

“I've worked with women with such severe brain injuries and complex mental health disabilities that they don't... they didn't know why they were even in prison, how they got there, when they were going home, or even where they would go.”

“I will never forget the first time I was confronted with the reality that we incarcerate women with schizophrenia, FASD, or a combination of the three.”

**“Acquired brain injuries are common among women in Australian prisons, with estimates ranging from 33% to 70%.”**

“And it's likely due to being in abusive relationships. Acquired brain injuries impact cognitive function, reduce impulse control, and decision-making processes. These women need to be in therapeutic environments, supported through care, love, kindness, not in 22-hour lockdowns.”

## Appendix 2

### RE: TERM OF REFERENCE NO 2 : The effect of online platforms on the reach, prominence and harm caused by racism and hate directed at First Nations people.

Unfortunately this past week, has drawn a very public and vocal display of racism on digital platforms around the nation.

The behaviour in Alice Springs after the kidnap and murder of Kumanjayi (Little Baby) highlighted the Racism and the failure of this government and previous governments to give First Nations peoples agency in their lives – self-determination and the resources with which to fully enact their human rights.

### SHOW RESPECT - THIS IS NO TIME FOR RACISM



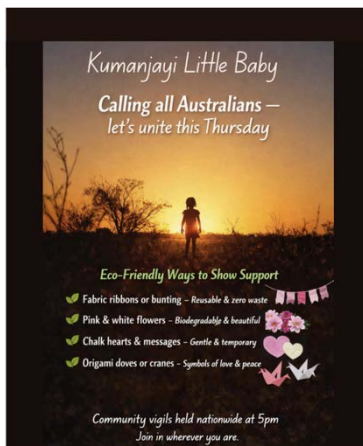
This Facebook post by Mob 23 leader Lu Davis expresses these facts more starkly than anyone else we have heard – Indigenous or non-Indigenous.

Lu highlights the differences in behaviour this nation has expressed with the loss and/or murder of non-Indigenous children with the behaviour online and offline with respect to Kumanjayi – Little Baby.

Hear Lu’s comments here:

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1292991618928459>

### KUMANJAYI LITTLE BABY CALLING ALL AUSTRALIANS —LET'S UNITE THIS THURSDAY



Then less than 24 hours later, Lu issued this Invitation from Mob 23.

**If you can't make a community vigil, on Thursday the 7th May 26 you can still show your support and love.**

#### Who Can Participate:

- Individuals
- Community groups
- Businesses and workplaces
- Schools and early learning centres
- Local councils and organisations

#### Why this matters:

This is more than a gesture — it's a powerful, collective statement.

By wearing pink or lighting a candle, placing pink ribbon on your door at home or work we send a clear message that:

- Every child deserves safety, care, and dignity.
- Poverty and violence have no place in our society.
- True equality means standing up for those most vulnerable.

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**Let's show her family and community they're not alone.**

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