



ACT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AGREEMENT 2019—2028

Delivering equitable outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

SIGNIFICANT FOCUS AREA: JUSTICE

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES, THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES THRIVE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND HAVE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND CULTURALLY SAFE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, PREVENTION AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS

WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS OUTCOME BY FOCUSING ON:

- Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait young people who come to the attention of the youth justice system through diversionary program assistance or access to individualised support as required.
- Provide social and emotional supports for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people who have a parent(s) who is incarcerated.
- Demonstrate increased opportunities for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to undertake activities on Country to promote health and wellbeing and improve justice outcomes.

TARGETS TO ACHIEVE THIS OUTCOME

These targets are indicative and may be updated following the Closing the Gap refresh.

Targets will be monitored and reviewed periodically throughout the implementation of the *ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2019-2028*:

Closing the Gap

- Reduce the rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in detention by 11-19 per cent and adults held in incarceration by at least 5 per cent by 2028.

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- Increase in on Country participation of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Increase in the number of families engaged with formal parenting and family support services for detainees and post release.
- Youth justice case plans completed within six weeks.
- At least 25 per cent of all eligible 18-25 year old Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will be referred to Restorative Justice by ACT Policing as a diversion from the formal criminal justice system.
- Increase access to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled targeted early support and prevention services for victims, perpetrators and families.
- Increase services provided by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations for targeted early support and prevention.
- Increase the coordination of health care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees in Alexander Maconochie Centre.



PRIORITY ACTIONS

The Priority Actions will be progressed during the first 18 months of the Agreement. Further actions will be determined over the course of the Agreement.

- Enabling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander offenders to have the ability to adhere to their Court appointed Community Based Orders.
- Building an innovative engagement approach to engage with men and boys across the community to establish community led solutions to men's business.
- Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people post release to engage with their community and have access to appropriate housing, healthcare, education and employment.
- Establishing partnerships across the ACT Government to develop activities and initiatives on Country to promote health and wellbeing and improve justice outcomes.
- Engaging and supporting community controlled organisations to deliver a suite of justice programs.
- Providing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to participate in culturally safe, restorative justice processes.
- Identifying and tailoring existing supports such as Social Emotional Learning Plans and school-based counselling, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students whose parent/s are incarcerated.
- Implementing the Early Support framework to deliver more timely access to justice diversion services for young people before crisis intervention is required.
- Coordinating Health Care Services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees in Alexander Maconochie Centre.

