

Community Consultation Purpose: Input into the Northern Territory Aboriginal Justice Agreement

Too many Aboriginal people are in the Northern Territory prison system or have spent time in prison for offences.

Too many Aboriginal people return to prison after serving their time in prison for an offence.

The Northern Territory (NT) Government wants to speak to the NT Aboriginal community to hear from you on how best to reduce the high number of Aboriginal people going to prison and re-offending.

The NT government is committed to: reasserting local power in Aboriginal communities; increasing the role for traditional leadership; partnering with non-government agencies; and ensuring the culturally competent delivery of justice across the NT.

Through speaking and listening to Aboriginal community members and leaders across the NT, the government will gather information on what steps and actions should be taken by both the government and the community, to make a positive impact on reducing Aboriginal imprisonment rates. In these discussions, community advice will be sought on practical and targeted rehabilitation programs that focus on breaking the cycle of offending and imprisonment.

An Aboriginal Justice Agreement will be developed that takes into account the steps and actions proposed by Aboriginal community members and leaders across the NT, and provides a justice framework so that Territorians can hold the NT government accountable for the future direction of the justice system.

Active participation by your community is very important as your views and opinions will drive the development of the new Aboriginal Justice Agreement initiative for the benefit of Aboriginal people across the Territory.

Contact details:

Contact with your community will be made soon to provide details for the proposed community meeting and the draft meeting program.

For more information contact the Aboriginal Justice Unit by phone on (08) 8935 7655 or by e-mail at AGD.AJU@nt.gov.au.