



ELECTION '25

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER RECOGNITION & JUSTICE



Current Situation

Successive government policies to date have failed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. This has resulted in disparate inequalities throughout almost all wellbeing and economic measures across Australia.

Proposed Changes

PRINCIPLES

- **Correct recorded history** to reflect truth and acknowledge harm.
- **Listen deeply** to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people when forming government policy, legislation and services.
- **Heal and commit** so everybody can thrive.
- **Value and respect Culture** by celebrating the richness of Aboriginal culture and wisdom, and the generosity that has been offered by Aboriginal communities.

FEDERAL/STATE

- **Establish a Truth and Justice Commission.**
- **Adequate funding and culturally appropriate services** to reduce the economic, social, and political disparities between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in WA.
- **Resources to support Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations** to take leadership roles in provision of services, focusing on place-based, community led solutions.
- **Undertake mutual capacity building and knowledge sharing** activities with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations.
- **Raise the age of criminal responsibility** in all States and Territories to at least 14.

STATE

- **Ensure funding, expansion and scaling of housing support programs** that work such as Housing First approaches.
- **Provision of culturally appropriate, community-controlled housing** to meet need, particularly in regional, rural and remote areas.
- **Long term investment in culturally appropriate family & domestic violence prevention initiatives** to encourage healthy and respectful relationships and offer alternatives to violence.
- **Introduce a trauma-informed, therapeutic, collaborative model-of-care** with community experts and Aboriginal leaders, to treat the needs of young people incarcerated.
- **Close Unit 18, Banksia Hill**, with a clear transition plan to end children in maximum-security adult prison.
- **Create a whole-of-government youth justice strategy** to support children and families in the community, respond to the underlying causes of offending, and build safer communities.

Please share this with your current [State MP](#) and [Federal MP](#) and other election candidates.