

# Expanding Adult Time, Adult Crime and Taking a Strong Stance on Drugs and Anti-Social Behaviour Amendment Bill 2026

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When Aboriginal people were taken away from their land and denied the right to speak their languages, and their families were broken up and children completely removed from the families, and they were treated as slaves and denied their ability to practice their culture...and many other things, sexual abuse, violent abuse, it is understandable that Aboriginal people suffered and still suffer incredible trauma....

It is well known there is bias against Aboriginal people which results in Aboriginal people making up a large proportion of Incarcerated people even though Aboriginal people are a small percentage of our population.

I have learned that there is about \$1,000,000 per child spent each year keeping Aboriginal children incarcerated...

This is hard to believe and it is obvious that if this money was spent to rehabilitate these children, there would be many less child returnees to places of incarceration.

It makes no sense to incarcerate a people both adult and children when there is a much better way to make real change by recognising the fact the Aboriginal people have been subject to Genocide and traumatised and need healing not incarceration.