

## Inquiry into Victoria's criminal justice system

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### SURVEY QUESTIONS

#### What best describes your interest in our inquiry

Concerned citizen

#### **Drag the statements below to reorder them. In order of priority, please rank the themes you believe are most important for this inquiry into Victoria's criminal justice system to consider::**

Strategies for reducing reoffending (e.g. addressing risk factors like poor mental health), Rates of imprisonment, Number of people on remand (awaiting trial), Judicial appointment (e.g. guidelines and selection processes for appointing judges), The level of training and expertise of judicial officers (e.g. expertise in sentencing), Policing, Rates of criminal activity, The experiences of victims of crimes in navigating the justice system, Alternatives to imprisonment (e.g. treatment programs or supervision orders), Specific prisoner cohorts (e.g. youth or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander offenders)

### YOUR SUBMISSION

#### **Submission:**

\*The early challenges faced by offenders are often during breakdown of their families, by which time they are exposed to dysfunction and the likelihood of committing a crime. Prevention is better than intervention and cure. It is more beneficial to find solutions in addressing family dynamics, restoring workable relationships for setting direction and goals together. Give a sense of purpose to head off any vulnerability of a life lead astray. Reform and support at the grassroots level will go a long way to helping potential offenders refrain from crime, ensuring there will be no victims and we are all free to enjoy peace and goodwill in society.

\*The importance of reviewing merit of what crime actually is according to new laws, goes without saying. Alongside, there also needs to be an overhaul of judgements given against people who uphold a conscious morality for human dignity and penalized, without hurting or touching anyone or impeding anything. Worse offenders have been let off with less consequences. This procedure is unfairly targeting the civil population and must be changed forthwith.

Thank you for allowing the public to make a submission to this Enquiry.