

## Inquiry into Victoria's criminal justice system

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**Organisation Name:**

**Your position or role:**

### SURVEY QUESTIONS

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

A victim of crime, Concerned citizen, Experience of the criminal justice system

**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::**

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

### YOUR SUBMISSION

**Submission:**

I learnt long ago that justice, guilt or innocence has nothing necessarily to do with the verdict in Australian Courts. The outcome of a case before the Magistrate is basically decided by the acting Sergeant on duty of police at the station of arrest beforehand.

The top of the hill syndrome I call it.

The rich live at the top of the hill for two main reasons. One is the view. Second relates to times gone by, before sewage infrastructure was in place and gravity took the waste generated, downhill. This is where the less fortunate reside. Not much has changed. To 'rise above' for those below is a bother to those at the top, there is only so much room you see. This is where our police, laws, rules, & taxes to pay for these services and protect from those 'underneath' came about. The people below cannot be trusted and must be kept in their place.

I've included that to show I have a healthy view of the larger picture.

Now. Here we go. Lawyers at the legal aid level are selling out on their clients by doing anything to expediate the case ie get a guilty plea from client as it gets their firm paid quickly and not held back until a verdict has arisen. How much easier it must be to pay your workers when your company (legal firms) has a more frequent supply of capital income.

I've been to court where the prosecutor has accused me of several crimes, the judge pretending to listen as usual, as I stood watching in disbelief until I asked to speak to inform the court it was not me. Not even my name. They were indeed prosecuting the wrong fellow.

Even my legal aid said nothing as I was being sold down the river. Amazing.

I used to smoke marijuana regularly. I only did this after work, alone each day in my own home. I never sold any or did it in public. However, on average every four years police would attend my rural residence with warrant to raid me. I always complied with the large amount of police including dog squad and explained my small amount was in the same place as last time (which amounted to about a gram including tobacco each time.) I said to the judge that kept on signing the search warrants one day, how do you justify the cost compared to the result? And also asked in all the times I've appeared not once has the judge recognised the obvious pattern of 'repetitive offending' and never asked me "do you need a hand mate?" in regards to smoking the evil weed. He laughed and dismissed me with the usual \$250 for each charge of use and possess. It became apparent that those at the top of the hill have worked out how to get US to pay for THEIR

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protection from US and had unfortunately become part of the loop. Part of the Victorian Judicial system. All that money to pay judges, police, lawyers court workers etc the exorbitant wages must come from somewhere. I can assure the inquiry that the judge, the seargant, the clerk, the prosecutor, do NOT reside at the bottom of the hill. The cash cow keeps giving. It's just so convenient.

Prison is full of people that are easily accused, more vulnerable and easy to prosecute. These intervention orders are killing our Men. There is money in incarcerating people in prison now that the system has been streamlined for rapid prosecution and turnover. I see the amount of prisons being built everyday. I understand violence against women must be stopped. I am also distraught by cases of violence against the innocent such as Maher and Batty. But how many men must die by suicide as these ivo's are handed out to women like lollypops and men are stripped of everything including their possessions, their homes, wives, children and more?

Or police swoop as the Man sends a friend or relative to try and resolve issues, or get some jocks and socks and only to be deemed as a breach of the order. Prisons ARE BULGING with these men. Women are learning to perfect the 'craft' turning up at court all made up with a crocodile tear and a simple "I was scared" is enough to get rid of the partner in a simple clean manoeuvre all pushed so hard by VicPol. I have seen harrowing cases of this first hand having to tell a 71 yo farmer that he won't be going home today. Or the next 6- 12 months. The cows won't be getting milked again, the farm is lost after one of many tiffs with his beloved wife of so many years and not understanding the system has breached the order. How long can this horrible process continue.

Look at an IVO. In one part it actually says something about do you believe the MALE needs anger management? NOT PERSON, NOT FEMALE. The women are now actually playing a unqualified psych role in determining the males future as well..This system is an abomination but continues because it supposedly keeps the community safer and that's what judges are for.

Mental health. After receiving my first AVO or IVO I over thought it to much. The thought of being labelled officially as a woman basher was to much and my mental health fell apart. None of this was considered in the courts as I tried to defend myself my lawyer told me beforehand it was useless even turning up to court. Once the acting Seargant has served the order it is done.

I must leave this for now I'm sorry. I cannot go on further at the moment. I have more to say. I'm sorry.

## **FILE ATTACHMENTS**

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**