

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

Working in the criminal justice sector, Working in criminal justice services, 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::

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

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

The criminal justice system in Victoria/Australia is flawed. The rapidly increasing rate of imprisonment over the past 20 years reflects the inability of prison to 'rehabilitate' offenders, squandered precious resources, and systemic failings in the wider society.

A consultant criminologist with 'lived experience' of imprisonment, I have spent my life trying to help people who end up in prison, and to raise awareness of the issues in the hope of affecting change.

Perhaps some of my insights may serve to further your inquiry.

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