

Dear Prime Minister Turnbull,

We urge you to play a leadership role and work in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, their organisations and representative bodies to:

- Set meaningful National Justice Targets through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) 'Closing the Gap' framework;
- Develop, through COAG, a fully resourced national plan of action on youth justice, drawing on the recommendations of the Change the Record Coalition's Blueprint for Change;
- Invest in effective community-led early intervention, prevention and diversion programs, to ensure detention of children is a last resort; and
- Design and implement a national preventative mechanism against torture and mistreatment in detention as soon as possible, in line with your Government's commitment to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT).

## Prime Minister: It's time for national leadership on youth justice

Right now our government is throwing kids as young as 10 into prison, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are over-represented in every Australian state and territory's youth justice system. It's a national crisis.

Instead of more prison sentences, we need a plan to support kids and Indigenous-led programs.

### A real solution is a national plan of action.

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