

Dear Prime Minister Turnbull,
 We call on you, in partnership with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities, to develop, resource and implement a National Plan of Action that includes:

- supporting children, families & communities to stay strong together
- raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility to 14
- getting children who are not sentenced out of prison
- adequate funding for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community-controlled legal services & other support services
- ending abusive practices in prisons
- setting targets to end the overrepresentation of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children in prison
- improving collection and use of data
- work via COAG to reform state and territory laws that breach children's rights.

Australia was shocked by chilling footage of children abused at Don Dale Children's Prison in the Northern Territory.

But, it's not just Don Dale. In the past year allegations of cruel and inhuman treatment of kids have emerge from every state and every territory in Australia. Guards were found to use dogs to intimidate kids and, amidst many other serious allegations, sexual abuse was also uncovered.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids are 25 times more likely to end up in the justice system than non-Indigenous kids. This puts them at greater risk of abuse in prison.

It's clear that children are not safe in Australian prisons. We need strong leadership now.

We need a National Plan of Action, to stop kids getting trapped in the quicksand of our criminal (in)justice system. If we do it right, we'll give all kids a shot at a brighter future.

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