# Response Template

The deadline for providing feedback on the consultation guide is **5:00pm** on **Friday 6 October 2023**

## Whole of Government and community strategy to address the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Queensland criminal justice system

### How to provide feedback

To help you answer the questions in the template below, we have created a [Background Information document](https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/first-nations-justice-office/resource/19ad4b80-cc29-4f0c-a284-b7660ffb73e2) to give you more information. You can respond to all these questions, or only those that you are interested in. If you want to let us know about other relevant matters, you can use the section at the end of this document.

If you cannot use the template for any reason, you can email your responses to us. To help with our analysis, please clearly indicate which questions you are answering.

Individuals and organisations may submit a response by:

* **By email** at: [FNJO-justicestrategy@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:FNJO-justicestrategy@justice.qld.gov.au)
* **By mail** at:

First Nations Justice Office

Department of Justice and Attorney-General

GPO Box 149

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## Any personal information you include in your submission will be collected by the Department of Justice and Attorney‐General (the Department) for the purpose of obtaining comment on the development of a whole of government and community strategy to address the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Queensland criminal justice system

Submissions may be referred to in public documents in a way that does not identify individuals. The content of your submission may be released to other government agencies as part of the development of the Strategy in a way that does not identify individuals impacted by domestic and family violence.

Your response may be subject to disclosure as required by legislation, such as the *Right to Information Act 2009*, and access to responses will be determined in accordance with relevant legislation.

# Submitter details

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| Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? | Yes, Aboriginal  Yes, Torres Strait Islander  Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  No  Prefer not to say |
| Are you: | Male  Female  Non-binary  Under 25  Prefer not to say |
| How would you describe yourself? | Work in justice sector (government)  Work in the community sector  Lived experience of the justice system  Community leader  Community member  Other |

# Consultation questions

# Question 1 - Which of the following do you think would have the greatest impact on keeping First Nations adults and young people away from the criminal justice system?

* + early intervention and prevention programs
  + better relationships and communication between law enforcement agencies and First Nations people
  + improved access to legal representation
  + culturally informed and sensitive justice system
  + greater involvement and consultation with Elders, CJG, First Nations organisations and leaders
  + better rehabilitation, healing and reintegration programs
  + Other

Question 2 - Are there other priorities not listed above that you would like to highlight?

Question 3 - What role do community-based interventions and support services play in preventing First Nations adults and young people from entering the criminal justice system?

Question 4 - Are there any community-led initiatives, (including education/awareness) that have successfully addressed justice related issues for First Nations communities that should be highlighted in the strategy?

Question 5 – Are there any gaps in government services that you think contribute to persons entering/re-entering the justice system?

* housing
* education
* job readiness
* parenting and family support
* early intervention and prevention programs
* support services for young people at risk
* drug, alcohol and mental health services
* DFV support services
* disability services
* cultural awareness training for police
* legal representation
* culturally responsive courts
* alternative sentencing and diversion options
* prison programs and community reintegration
* other

Question 6 – What changes do you think would improve the process of arrest, detention and sentencing to ensure fairness and equity for First Nations individuals?

Question 7 – What strategies could be put in place to encourage diversion programs and alternative sentencing options for First Offenders?

Question 8 – What strategies could be employed to promote rehabilitation, reintegration and healing for First Nations individuals who have been involved in the justice system?

Question 9 - How can we ensure that the voices and perspectives of First Nations youth are integrated into the strategy's development and implementation?

Question 10 - What current initiatives, programs or supports assist First Nations youth in preventing contact with the criminal justice system?

Question 11 - What programs/services are needed for women and girls to prevent contact with the justice system?

Question12 - Should local initiatives be explored to support women and girls who have experienced sexual violence to come forward and make a complaint without fear of, or actual retaliation or retribution to them or their families?

Question 13 – What do you think has prevented previous efforts with trying to reduce overrepresentation of First Nations peoples in the justice system?

Question 14 - What would success of the Strategy look like to you? How could we best measure it?

Question 15 - Do you have any other thoughts, ideas, or opinions that we have not covered that may assist in developing the strategy?

Question 16 - Please leave your email below if you are willing to talk to us more about your views as we develop the strategy.

**Thank you - we appreciate you sharing your views.**

For further information about the strategy development please:

* email [fnjo-justicestrategy@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:fnjo-justicestrategy@justice.qld.gov.au)
* visit [www.justice.qld.gov.au/FirstNationsJusticeOffice](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/FirstNationsJusticeOffice)