



# PUBLIC MARCH

## 15 April 2011

***Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody  
20 years on, it's time for change!***

### **URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

15 April 2011 marks 20 years since the release of the Report of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC). Since then, there have been 269 Aboriginal deaths in custody, many for reasons that could have been avoided had the recommendations been fully implemented.

Today, Aboriginal people are 14 times more likely to be incarcerated and represent 26% of Australia's prison population (despite representing less than 3% of the total population). Western Australia has the highest incarceration rate of Aboriginal people in Australia, and rates have nearly doubled between 1990 and 2010 and tripled since the Royal Commission.

In recognition of the passing of 20 years since the Report, the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA) and the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DICWC) of WA are organising a peaceful protest on 15 April 2011 to remember those who died needlessly in custody and police presence and to call for urgent reform including implementation of ALL the RCIADIC recommendations.

**We urgently need 269 volunteers to help on the day!**

- 11.30am Gather at Stirling Gardens (corner of Barrack Street and Georges Terrace)  
Each volunteer to be given 1 small wooden white cross to carry
- 12.00pm Public March (Supreme Court to Parliament House)
- 12.30pm Gather at Parliament House
- 12.45pm Agenda still being confirmed, will include a Welcome to Country, Minute of Silence, Speakers and the HALO Cultural Dance Group
- 1.30pm Close of Event and Call for Reform

Please show your support by volunteering on the day and encouraging as many of your family, friends and colleagues to attend.

**TO REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER PLEASE EMAIL**

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