



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

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The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody was established in October 1987 in response to a growing public concern that deaths in custody of Aboriginal people were too common and that explanations were too evasive. The final report, released on 15 April 1991 investigated 99 deaths that occurred between 1 January 1980 and 31 May 1989 and made 339 recommendations.

20 years later, unnecessary deaths in custody still occur and the incarceration rates continue to rise. Recent statistics show that in Australia, Indigenous people comprise 26% of the total prison population despite making only 2.5% of the total population. The statistics are even more alarming for juveniles (making up to 80% in some jurisdictions) and the recidivism rates are also high (~70% for male adults).

Please join us for this important Side Event to hear about the findings of the Royal Commission and the advocacy the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services of Australia have been involved in to bring attention to 20 years passing since the Report and the epidemic situation of Indigenous incarceration in Australia and to discuss ideas and options for change, including Justice Reinvestment initiatives.

*Australian Delegate **Cathy Eatock** will also give a special presentation of a series of photographs from the initial campaign.*

Light refreshments will be provided.