

Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory

An alliance of the CLC, NLC, CAALAS, NAAJA and AMSANT

Background Papers for Royal Commission Media Pack

1. Fact sheets

- 1.1 The nature of youth offending
- 1.2 Facts about detainees
- 1.3 Costs and Benefits to new approaches to child protection and youth justice

2. Overarching positions

- 2.1 Key Priorities for the Aboriginal Community Controlled sector
 - The need for Aboriginal led solutions
 - The importance of a public health approach to both systems
 - The repeal of existing legislation and replacement with a single act bringing together the youth justice and child protection systems.
- 2.2 The case for wholesale reform and a single act
- 2.3 A public health approach
- 2.4 A child centered and development focused system
- 2.5 Social and Structural Determinants and Vulnerability
- 2.6 How will this change make the community safer and better for everyone?
- 2.7 Alternatives to detention

3. Components of a new system

- 3.1 A single act –key features and map
- 3.2 Principles – child protection
- 3.3 Principles – youth justice
- 3.4 Structures and map of the new system
 - a. Comprehensive and culturally appropriate assessment across Child Protection and Youth Justice
 - b. Family Group Conferencing mechanism
- 3.5 A new Children’s Commission
- 3.6 Specialist Children’s Court

4. Other

- 4.1 About APO NT
- 4.2 National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) Media Release: The Northern Territory Government must work with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations in true partnership on Royal Commission Recommendations