

# Better Justice plan for First Nations peoples in Queensland

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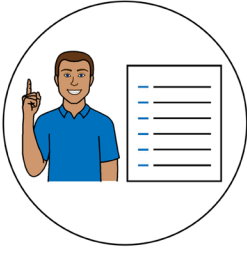


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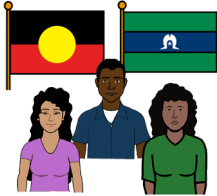
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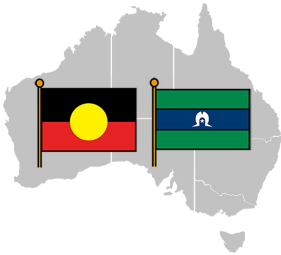
## We acknowledge First Nations peoples of Queensland



**Acknowledge** means we understand and respect the importance of **First Nations peoples**

- culture

- language



- history.

First Nations peoples are the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We also pay our respects to past and present elders.

## About this book



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This book is from the Queensland Government.

This book is about how we want to improve how our **justice system** works.



The justice system might mean

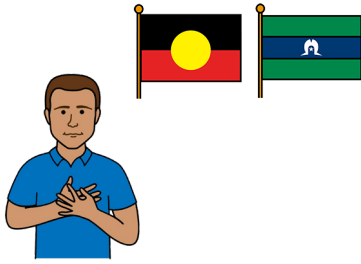
- the police



- courts

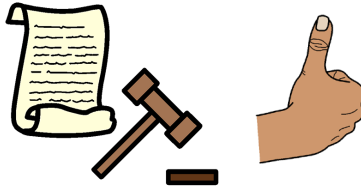


- prisons.



We want to

- show our respect for the First Nations peoples of Queensland



- make our justice system fairer



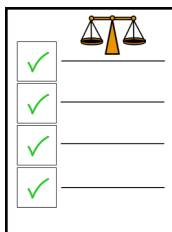
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- make our services better for everyone

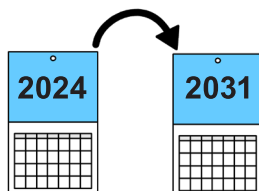


- help the community be safer.



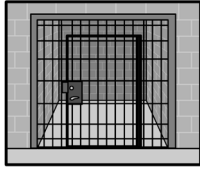
We will do this by making a **Better Justice plan**.

We call it the **plan**.

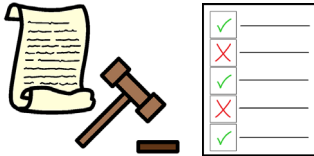


The plan will go from 2024 to 2031.

## Why we want to make the plan



There are too many First Nations peoples in Queensland prisons.

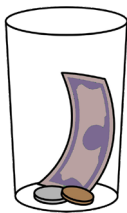


We think this shows the justice system could do better.



People can be more likely to go to prison if

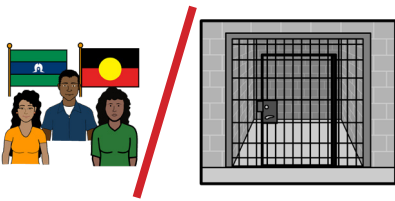
- they have trauma that has been in their family for a long time
- they have a **socio economic disadvantage**.



Socio economic disadvantage can mean

- having less money
- living somewhere that has less access to jobs or education
  - for example, a rural community.





We want to keep as many First Nations peoples out of prison as we can.

## How we made the plan

To get information to make the plan we talked and listened to



- community organisations and other groups who work with First Nations peoples



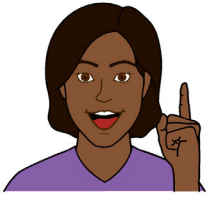
- government agencies



- First Nations peoples who have been through the justice system.

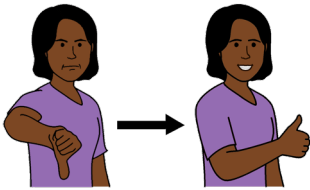


They told us what has been working well and what has not been working well.



They also told us

- First Nations peoples should be involved in decisions about change
  - for example, get given information and share ideas



- there should be real change, not just talking



- the public should know how the justice system impacts First Nations peoples.





We also looked at a reports about

- domestic and family violence



- the number of First Nations peoples in prison.



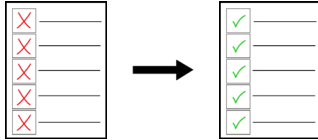
The report said

- the ways the police, courts and laws could do better



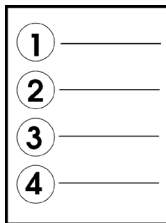
- we should work with First Nations communities to make the plan.

## What is in the plan



To make sure there are less First Nations peoples in prison

- the whole of the Queensland Government must do things differently
- First Nations peoples must have a say in decisions about what changes.

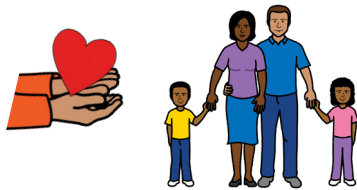


We made the plan into 4 parts.



## Part 1

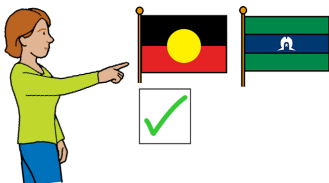
The Queensland Government will work with First Nations peoples to make decisions.

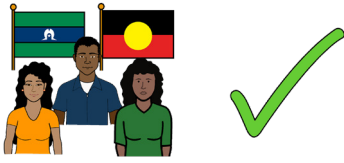


## Part 2

We will work with First Nations communities to

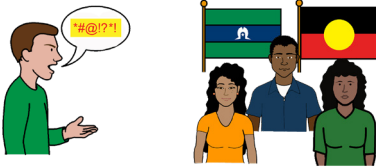
- help First Nations peoples early so they are less likely to do crimes
  - for example, we will support families if they need it
- make decisions that help meet the needs of First Nations peoples.





### Part 3.

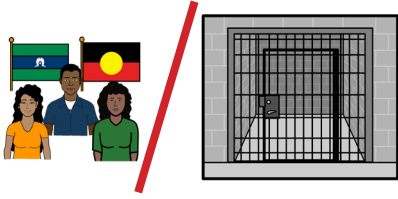
We will make the justice system fairer and safer for First Nations peoples.



To do this we will make sure we know if **racism** is being done and how to stop it.

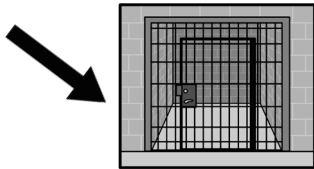


Racism means someone is treated differently because of their race.



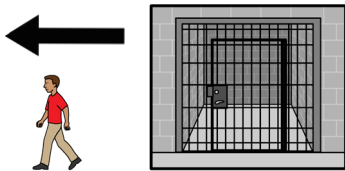
## Part 4.

We will help First Nations peoples who do crimes stay out of prison.

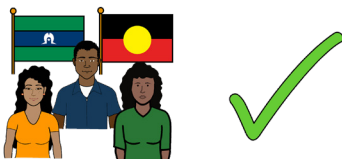


This means we will have programs to support First Nations peoples

- if they are in prison

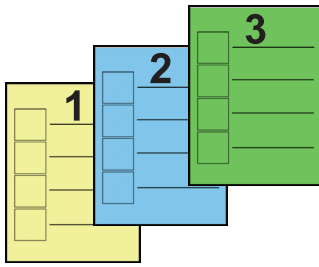


- when they leave prison.

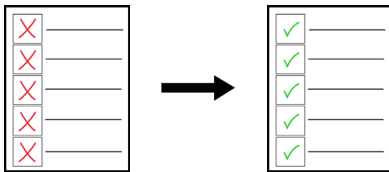


First Nations peoples will help us make the programs to fit with First Nations culture.

## How we will know what is working



We will make 3 different plans to make our justice system fairer.

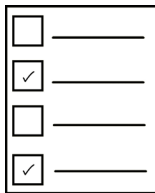


The plans will say

- what we want to change



- what we will do to make the changes



- who will make the changes.



You can read the first plan on our website.

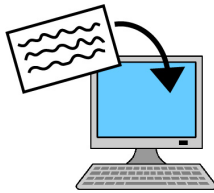
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## More information



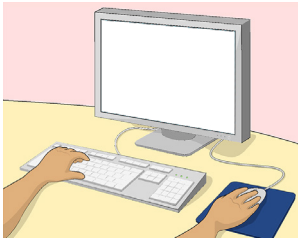
For more information contact the Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney-General.



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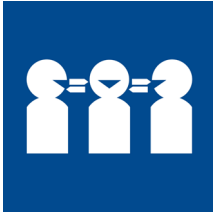
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