

Corrections Management (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Detainee and Offender) Policy 2018

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Corrections Management Act 2007, s14 (Corrections policies and operating procedures)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Corrections Management (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Detainee and Offender) Policy 2018*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

3 Policy

I make this policy to facilitate the effective and efficient management of correctional services.

4. Revocation

This instrument revokes the *Corrections Management (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Detainee) Policy 2011 (No 2)* [NI2011-723].

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ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DETAINEE AND OFFENDER POLICY

POLICY NO. 5

ACT CORRECTIVE SERVICES



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1 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) is committed to addressing the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT justice system. ACTCS provides an environment that exemplifies culturally safe services and programs aimed at connecting individuals with their cultural heritage, to lessen risk factors that contribute to re-offending rates amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees and offenders.

2 SCOPE

This policy applies to all ACT correctional centres and community corrections.

3 PRINCIPLES

The following principles apply:

- ACTCS supports the distinct rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees and offenders to maintain, protect and develop their cultural heritage, language, knowledge and kinship ties.
- ACTCS is committed to implementing a holistic and culturally appropriate model of care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees and offenders.
- ACTCS will provide a broad range of culturally appropriate rehabilitative detainee and offender services including recreational and educational programs.
- ACTCS staff will be trained to understand the cultural needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees and offenders.
- ACTCS will facilitate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders detainees' and offenders' access to appropriate support services.
- ACTCS will consult with relevant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bodies on Policies and Operating Procedures as appropriate.
- ACTCS is committed to recruiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and maintain a number of designated positions to specifically address the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees and offenders.

4 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Detainee Services Policy
- Admission Operating Procedure
- Art and Craft Policy

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