

DESIGN OF NATIONAL JR GRANT PROCESS/GUIDELINES AND UNIT

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ONLINE SUBMISSIONS: INFORMATION SHEET

WHO IS CONDUCTING THIS PROJECT?

Professors Chris Cunneen, Lindon Coombes and Dr Fiona Allison at Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research (UTS) are completing this work.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT ABOUT?

This project aims to inform how the Federal Government can best support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities working with justice reinvestment (JR) or similar approaches around Australia.

The Federal Government is currently seeking input into the design of (a) the National Justice Reinvestment Program through which federal JR funding will be provided and (b) a National Justice Reinvestment Unit that will provide coordination and support for communities working with JR or similar approaches. Jumbunna is seeking feedback from communities and stakeholders to inform this design. We will be preparing two reports based on this feedback: a first report on the grants process and guidelines and a second report on the national JR unit. We will also be developing two assessment tools to be used by those seeking funding and funding decision-makers based on this feedback.

The invitation from the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department to provide an online submission ensures the broader public are able to share input on the design of the national program and unit.

FUNDING

Funding for this project has been provided by the Federal Government. The Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department has commissioned this project.

WHAT DOES MY PARTICIPATION INVOLVE?

Participation in this study is voluntary. It is completely up to you whether or not you decide to take part.

If you decide to participate, responding to the questions should take around 10-30 minutes of your time.

You can change your mind at any time and stop completing the survey/s without consequences.

ARE THERE ANY RISKS/INCONVENIENCE?

There are some risks/inconveniences. You might be worried about how the information you share online will be used in the project. We discuss this below.

You may discuss issues that make you feel worried, fearful, uncomfortable or distressed, particularly where you are talking about the justice system and you are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person, given its impacts on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. If you feel that you need support with issues that have come up during our conversation you may contact Beyond Blue on **1300224636**. If the questions become too difficult at any time in any way you may stop answering them.

Given that this project relates to the criminal justice system, as above, it is important that you know that if you disclose possible breaches of criminal law in your responses, the project team may have obligations to report this information to police. If these activities involve children as victims, we may have mandatory obligations to report this information to police and/or child protection authorities.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO INFORMATION ABOUT ME?

By making a submission on the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department webpage, you consent to your responses and any personal details shared by you being provided to Jumbunna.

You will be asked whether you want to provide your name, the name of your organisation or choose to remain anonymous. You will also be asked to identify whether you consent to the publication of your response and whether it can be published with your name/ the name of your organisation/anonymously or if you prefer that it not be made public.

If you consent to your publication being made public, we may refer to your submission in two reports we will prepare for this project: one on the National Justice Reinvestment Grants Program and one on the National Justice Reinvestment Unit. These reports will be provided to a Design Reference Group (mostly First Nations members) and a First Nations Justice Taskforce consisting of Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department and National Indigenous Australians Agency representatives.

These reports are likely to be made public and it is possible the project team will talk about the project and its outcomes at conferences or in journal articles. Please note that your identity will not be disclosed in these reports except as required by law or unless you have given permission to be identified when providing your submission. Jumbunna will not publish any submission, or part of a submission, that includes any identifying details if you have chosen to remain anonymous. If you have provided your personal details when providing a submission but wish to remain anonymous during publication of your response, Jumbunna will keep your identifying details separate from your submission. Only the project team will have access to these details.

In accordance with relevant Australian and/or NSW Privacy laws, you have the right to request access to the information about you that is collected and stored by the project team. You also have the right to request that any information with which you disagree be corrected. Please inform the research team member named at the end of this document if you would like to access your information. This will only be possible if you provide personal information which may individually identify you, or be reasonably identifiable (e.g., if any open-text responses contextually identify or re-identify you).

WHAT IF I HAVE ANY QUERIES OR CONCERNS?

If you have any queries or concerns about the project, please contact Lindon Coombes on lindon.coombes@uts.edu.au

For an independent contact person, please contact Brett Peluso at brett.peluso@agd.gov.au.

Note: This project has been approved in line with the University of Technology Sydney Human Research Ethics Committee [UTS HREC] guidelines. If you have any concerns or complaints about any aspect of the conduct of this research, please contact the Ethics Secretariat on ph.: +61 2 9514 2478 or email: Research.Ethics@uts.edu.au. Any matter raised will be treated confidentially, investigated and you will be informed of the outcome.