IS JUSTICE REINVESTMENT NEEDED IN AUSTRALIA?

Thursday 2 August 2012
10am–5.30pm
Acton Theatre
Crawford School of Public Policy
Crawford Building 132
The Australian National University

What does Justice Reinvestment mean in practical terms? Should Australia explore it as a policy option? This one day forum presents a unique opportunity to hear about the concept of Justice Reinvestment and its application in Australia from a panel of national and international experts in the field.

The forum is co-hosted by the National Centre for Indigenous Studies, the Crawford School of Public Policy and the Indigenous Offender Health Research Capacity Building Group.

The forum is now fully subscribed.
Indigenous Offender Health Research Capacity Building Group

The Indigenous Offender Health Research Capacity Building Group is an initiative funded by a National Health and Medical Research Council grant to develop research capacity in Indigenous offender health research.

Venue Information and Key Contacts

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Parking
Free all-day parking is available at the National Museum of Australia carpark at the end of Lennox Crossing. From there, it is a 5–10 minute walk to Crawford School.

If you need to arrange for disabled parking, please contact Jill Guthrie or Cressida Fforde before the event.

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FORUM CONVENOR

Dr Jill Guthrie
Research Fellow, National Centre for Indigenous Studies, The Australian National University

Jill Guthrie is a descendant of the Wiradjuri people of western New South Wales. From 2009 to 2012 she was a Research Fellow at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) working on health related research projects, with a particular focus on the relationship between criminal justice and health. In November 2011 she convened a workshop exploring the feasibility of Justice Reinvestment in the ACT. Since May 2012 she has been a Research Fellow at NCIS. She is a member of the NHMRC-funded Indigenous Offender Health Research Capacity Building Group.

FORUM FACILITATOR

Professor Michael Levy
Professor, ANU Medical School and Director of Justice Health Service, ACT

Michael Levy is Director of Justice Health Service in the ACT. He is a public health physician, with national and international experience in prisoner health. He has worked with the World Health Organization and the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture. He was co-founder of the Australian Council of Prison Health Services. He has an appointment with the ANU School of Medicine. He is a member of the NHMRC-funded Indigenous Offender Health Research Capacity Building Group.

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS

Professor Todd Clear
Dean, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA

Todd Clear is Dean of the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University. In 1978, he received a PhD in Criminal Justice from The University at Albany. He has held professorships at Ball State, Rutgers, and Florida State Universities - where he was also Associate Dean of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice - where he held the rank of Distinguished Professor. Widely known for his advocacy of effectiveness-based policy, Clear’s research interests include community justice, correctional classification, intermediate sanctions, and sentencing policy. His work has been recognized through awards including those of the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, The Rockefeller School of Public Policy, the American Probation and Parole Association, the American Correctional Association, and the International Community Corrections Association. In May 2011 he was elected Fellow of the American Society of Criminology.

Abstract: The Promise and Perils of Justice Reinvestment

Todd Clear’s presentation examines justice reinvestment as a concept and in practice. The original intent of justice reinvestment is described and this ideal is compared to the way the idea has evolved in practice in the US. This analysis identifies some of the important ways justice reinvestment has advanced the correctional reform agenda but it also points to problem areas that need to be considered as the justice reinvestment movement matures.

Professor Andrew Coyle CMG
Emeritus Professor of Prison Studies, University of London. Visiting Professor, University of Essex, UK

Andrew Coyle is Emeritus Professor of Prison Studies at the University of London and Visiting Professor in the University of Essex. He was Director of the International Centre for Prison Studies between 1997 and 2005, and from 2010 until 2011. He previously worked at a senior level in the prison services of the UK. He is an adviser on prison issues to several intergovernmental bodies including the United Nations, the Inter American Commission on Human Rights and the Council of Europe. His books include A Human Rights Approach to Prison Management, Managing Prisons in a Time of Change and The Prisons We Deserve.

Abstract: Safer Communities, Stronger Communities – The limits of criminal justice

Communities, families and individuals place a high priority on safety and security. The criminal justice system has an important role to play in enhancing this safety and security. However, this role is limited. The criminal justice system deals primarily with the actions of individuals after they have occurred. Its influence is largely retrospective although it does have a limited proactive role in terms of deterrence. Most crime is local in nature; it is committed locally and its negative effects are experienced locally. It is likely that the solutions may also be found locally. Instead of concentrating exclusively on the actions of individuals, it may be that community safety and security can best be enhanced by initiatives which focus
on the location, the environment and the community where crime occurs. One method of achieving this is by redistributing some of the resources currently expended on dealing with individuals within the criminal justice system and diverting them to improve the quality of life for their communities. This approach is often referred to as ‘justice reinvestment’. Andrew Coyle will describe how thinking and practice in this area have developed in recent years in the UK drawing on some lessons which may be applicable for Australia.

Baroness Vivien Stern CBE
Visiting Professor, University of Essex, UK

Vivien Stern has been a Crossbench (independent) member of the House of Lords since 1999 and was a member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights from 2004 to 2008. From 1999 to 2003 she was a member of the House of Lords European Select Committee. In 2010 she became a member of the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments. She is a Visiting Professor at the University of Essex; has Honorary degrees from Bristol, Oxford Brookes, Stirling, Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities; is an Honorary Fellow of the London School of Economics. She is a Trustee of the Civil Liberties Trust and the International Centre for Prison Studies, and a member of the Advisory Council of the International Legal Foundation in New York, and the Advisory Council of the Legal Policy Research Centre in Kazakhstan. From 2003 to 2009 she was Convenor of the Scottish Consortium on Crime and Criminal Justice. She has worked for many years in international human rights and rule of law reform and advised inter-governmental organisations and governments.

Abstract: Justice reinvestment and the politics of localism in England and Wales

Justice reinvestment is an idea with a great deal to offer to politicians. Aside from its solid criminological foundations it addresses key political questions of the times, particularly how to allocate shrinking public funds and how power should be distributed between the national government and the local authorities. Its benefits include being capable of a variety of interpretations and not being obviously associated with any one political outlook. Vivien Stern looks at justice reinvestment in England and Wales from this standpoint, using as illustrations the two most recent parliamentary reports on justice reinvestment. She assesses how far justice investment theories have influenced the current coalition government’s policies of localism, considers in detail some examples of work that have been described as justice reinvestment and reflects on how likely they are to produce a successful outcome.

AUSTRALIAN SPEAKERS

Professor Tony Butler
Head, Justice Health Research Program, Kirby Institute, University of NSW

Tony Butler has worked in the prison health epidemiological research area since 2001. He conducted two population based prisoner health surveys in 1996 and 2001, the largest mental health survey of prisoners in Australia, and an injury surveillance system in the NSW correctional system and research into traumatic brain injury among prisoners. He is currently involved in several studies, including examination of the causes of mortality among ex-prisoners, a study of the health of young people serving a community order, a prison-based smoking cessation trial, and a study of prisoners’ sexual health. He is a member of the NHMRC-funded Indigenous Offender Health Research Capacity Building Group.

Dr Tom Calma
Inaugural National Coordinator for Tackling Indigenous Smoking, Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia

Tom Calma, an elder from the Kungarakan and Iwaidja tribal groups from the south-west Darwin region and the Coburg Peninsula in Northern Territory, was the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner from 2004 to 2009. He is a strong advocate for Justice Reinvestment, having introduced the concept to the Australian Parliament in his 2009 Social Justice Commissioner Report. He is currently inaugural National Coordinator for Tackling Indigenous Smoking, and was appointed Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia in 2011. Dr Calma has been involved in Indigenous affairs at a local, community, state, territory, national and international level and worked in the public sector for 38 years. Dr Calma has been actively involved in the formation of the Close The Gap for Indigenous Health Equality Campaign and the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples. He has continued to advocate for members of the Stolen Generations and delivered the formal response in Parliament House on their behalf to the Prime Minister’s National Apology.

Professor Mick Dodson
Director, National Centre for Indigenous Studies, The Australian National University

Mick Dodson is a member of the Yawuru peoples – the traditional owners of land and waters in the Broome area of the southern Kimberley region of Western Australia. He is Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at the ANU and Professor of law at the ANU College of Law. He was Australia’s first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and was Counsel assisting the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations
Indigenous Voluntary Fund and later an expert member on the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. He is a member of the NHMRC funded Indigenous Offender Health Research Capacity Building Group.

**Associate Professor Cressida Fforde**
Deputy Director, National Centre for Indigenous Studies, The Australian National University

Completing her PhD at the University of Southampton, UK in 1998, she continued working within the repatriation field for Indigenous communities and/or museums in Australia, North America, Hawaii, New Zealand and the UK, particularly in the location and identification of Ancestral Remains through archival research. Cressida’s research broadly encompasses communication of information relating to cultural heritage, particularly in relation to local communities and Indigenous cultural heritage housed in museums and other collecting institutions. A primary area of research focus has been the history of the removal and subsequent study of Indigenous human remains by European institutions within the ‘race’ paradigm in the 19th century and the campaigns to secure their return, with particular interest in how this history illustrates mechanisms of identity representation and construction. She has also worked on community projects in the UK, particularly in relation to local heritage, focusing on oral history interviews, museum exhibition, community publications, and online presentation of information.

**Professor Tom Kompas**
Director, Crawford School of Public Policy, The Australian National University

Tom Kompas is Director of the Crawford School of Public Policy and Professor of Economics at ANU. He is also Dean of the Australian National Institute of Public Policy and Foundation Director of the Australian Centre for Biosecurity and Environmental Economics, dedicating much of his recent time to public policy in Australia. In 2010, Tom was appointed to the Eminent Scientists Group in the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. Tom’s research specialises in economic dynamics, agricultural economics and natural resource and environmental economics.

**Dr Andrew Laming, MP**
Federal Member for Electorate of Bowen, Queensland

Andrew Laming has been Liberal party Federal member for the Queensland seat of Bowen since 2004. In 2010 he was appointed Coalition spokesperson for Indigenous Health and Regional Health Services and Eye health. He graduated medicine and ophthalmology before entering Federal Parliament in 2004. He has a Harvard MPA; has worked with World Bank Group as a consultant in human development and the East Timor Transitional Authority as a health planning specialist. He has a Master of Philosophy in Public Health from University of Sydney, examining antibiotic treatment of trachoma in remote communities, and a Master of Public Policy from Charles Darwin University, for cost benefit analysis of remote diabetic screening. After working as policy advisor to then Health Minister Kay Patterson, he was a reviewer of Indigenous community organisations with ATSIC and worked as an ophthalmologist.

**Dr Andrew Leigh, MP**
Federal Member for Electorate of Fraser, ACT

Andrew Leigh is the Australian Labor Party Federal member for the ACT electorate of Fraser since 2010. He received a first class honors in Law and Arts from Sydney University and completed a PhD in Public Policy at Harvard University. He has worked as a lawyer (including associate to former High Court Justice Michael Kirby) and principal adviser in the Australian Treasury. He writes on a range of subjects, including education, taxation and social policy, and regularly for the Australian press. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Social Sciences.

**Mr Roger Wilkins**
Secretary, Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department

Mr Roger Wilkins AO has been Secretary of the Attorney-General’s Department, since September 2008. He has chaired a number of national taskforces and committees dealing with public sector reform, including the Council of Australian Government Committee on Regulatory Reform, the National Health Taskforce on Mental Health and the National Emissions Trading Taskforce. He is a member of the Board of the International Forum of Federations and advises different federal systems especially on fiscal issues.

**Senator Penny Wright**
Senator for South Australia

Penny Wright is a Greens Senator for South Australia, and the Greens’ spokesperson for legal affairs, mental health, school education and veterans’ affairs. Penny is also the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee. Prior to entering parliament, Penny has worked as a solicitor, university lecturer and deputy president of the Guardianship Board. Her legal career included such diverse areas as tenancy law, mental health, social security and violence against women. As a lawyer, she often worked in the “little end of town” and assisted those living on the margins of society - people with low incomes, people affected by mental illness and generally those who had been dealt a tough hand by life.