

# Why we need justice reinvestment

## Key messages



- Justice reinvestment is a good investment – both socially and economically.
- When justice reinvestment is implemented, it benefits entire communities.
- Justice reinvestment is about taking dollars out of prisons and putting them back into communities.
- Justice reinvestment involves shifting spending away from detention and into prevention. Jail has proven to not be a deterrent, so the best way to deal with crime is to prevent it.
- Just Reinvest NSW is focused on addressing the shameful over representation of Aboriginal young people in custody in NSW (over 50% are Aboriginal).
- Just Reinvest NSW began in 2012 because a broad range of organisations and individuals who work with Aboriginal young people and have an understanding of the problems faced all agree there is a solution, and that solution is justice reinvestment.

- The campaign is calling on the NSW government to implement a justice reinvestment policy as a matter of urgency.
- Every voice counts - we are asking that people register their support and link the campaign into their network - to ask the Government to JUST REINVEST
- The life that leads to prison is not the life you wish for any child.

### Secondary Messages:

- We are calling on the NSW government to establish a Justice Reinvestment Advisory Group. This Group would provide input into the development and implementation of justice reinvestment policies, monitor the proportion of funds redirected from prisons over the next 5-10 years, and monitor the levels of Aboriginal young people in detention.
- Justice reinvestment is investment in local communities – in community-based programs and services that address factors that contribute to offending in young people
- Justice Reinvestment is not a new concept. There are a plethora of reports and recommendations supporting its implementation, and there is a growing evidence base that this is the solution: it has been successful overseas in countries such as Canada and parts of the United States.
- Justice reinvestment ask this question: is Government spending on the imprisonment of juveniles money well