QPC Enquiry into Imprisonment and recidivism – anonymous public submission

Inmates at one of Queensland's prisons have questioned why they know nothing about the QPC enquiry when it relates 100% to and about them. The same can be said about family and carers. Our family only knew about the enquiry because we were following the submissions and hearings from the FLAXTON enquiry and there was a mention of QPC enquiry in the draft report..

The obvious and only conclusion able to be drawn is that the people who set up the terms of reference for the enquiry have no interest in, and place no value on, input from inmates, their friends and their families. Perhaps there is a lack of awareness that the population inside a prison is as diverse as the population on the outside and many inmates have the ability and the willingness to add their voices to the enquiry.

For ever, it seems that non Aboriginal people were making decisions for and on behalf of Aboriginal people without asking for or expecting or valuing any input from the Aboriginal people themselves. The reasoning and decisions were generally flawed and the projects failed. Only recently have those with power and control started to recognise the value of having input and buy-in from those who are effected by, or involved in, the repercussions of decisions made by others.

It would seem that a similar scenario is playing out in enquiries into imprisonment and recidivism and crime and corruption in corrections.

It is interesting to compare that in recent Australian enquiries both customers and bank management were involved in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry enquiry and both abused and abusers will be involved in the enquiries into aged Care Quality and Safety and the Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.

I shouldn't criticise, we are all forever grateful that this enquiry is taking place and we thank you and others for your role in it but in the name of continuous improvement it might be worth considering the value of input from those who are directly impacted by the current and future situation.

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