1. The National Indigenous Law and Justice Framework (the Framework) has been developed by the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG) to provide a national approach to reducing the disproportionate involvement of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders with the justice system as victims and offenders and improve community safety.
2. The five inter-related goals of the draft Framework are:
* improve all Australian justice systems so that they comprehensively deliver on the justice needs of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders in a fair and equitable manner;
* reduce over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander offenders, defendants and victims in the criminal justice system;
* ensure that Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders feel safe and are safe within their communities;
* increase safety and reduce offending within Indigenous communities by addressing alcohol and substance abuse; and
* strengthen Indigenous communities through working in partnership with governments and other stakeholders to achieve sustained improvement in justice and community safety.
1. Underpinning the document are 11 principles which emphasise the need for collaborative and integrated approaches to these issues, with Indigenous people as partners in the development, implementation and evaluation of justice initiatives.
2. The Federal Government has allocated $2 million in funding to evaluation projects to be carried out under the Framework. Good practice policies and programs will be identified and data collection and analysis improved.
3. Cabinet approved
* that the Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relation endorse the National Indigenous Law and Justice Framework 2009-2015; and
* that the Queensland Government Good Practice programs be put forward to the National Justice Chief Executive Officers Committee for inclusion in the Good Practice Appendix to the Framework.
1. *Attachments*
* [National Indigenous Law and Justice Framework 2009-](Attachments/NationalIndigenousLawandJusticeFramework.pdf)2015 (prior to Good Practice Appendix being attached).
* [SCAG Media Release on the endorsement of the Framework](Attachments/SCAG%20media%20release.pdf).