



Broken Justice
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The Northern Territory justice system is broken.

After the Royal Commission into Youth Detention and Child Protection, National Congress expected to see change. We did not want youth damaged by a broken system.

National Congress supported calls for prosecutions for wrong-doing and for recommendations to be implemented. We wanted institutional reform.

That only “two matters” were handed down to the Northern Territory Police was remarkable. What was uncovered suggested there should have been more. National Congress congratulates both Commissioners for their work.

National Congress is troubled the Northern Territory Police will not be laying criminal charges. This raises concerns about the Northern Territory justice system.

We are concerned about the separation of powers in the Northern Territory. We call for an independent inquiry; one that focusses on assessing a potential breakdown of the justice system. Self-reform has failed.

The same level importance given to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC) needs to be given to this Royal Commission. There are too many failings. There are too few outcomes. This sends the wrong signal to our youth. This indicates a broken justice system.

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