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Reducing
reoffending -
10% by 2020



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Minister's Foreword

The State Labor Government's law and order policy over the past 14 years has seen a marked reduction in victim reported crime; however it has

also contributed to escalating demand for custodial correctional services.

It's no secret that our prison system is nearly full, following a decade of strong growth. Growth that is unsustainable.

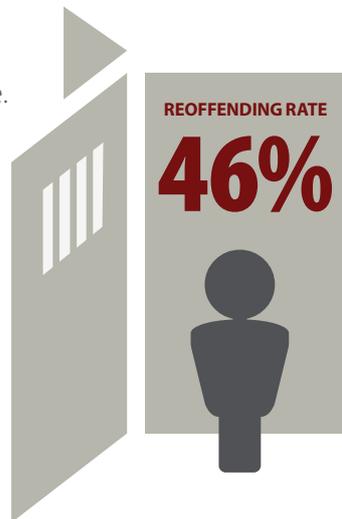
We are not alone. Almost every Australian jurisdiction and the majority of the developed world faces a similar challenge. What is most alarming, is that 46% of all sentenced prisoners return to South Australian correctional services within two years of release. This is not only a further cost to victims, but also to the taxpayer.

All but a very small number of those currently in prison will one day return to the community. A community in which we all live. We need to do a better job of ensuring that when they do, they choose a positive path and don't reoffend.

It's time to take a smarter path and stop the revolving doors of our prisons.

I'm excited to be launching *Reducing Reoffending - 10% by 2020* and establishing a panel that will provide long term strategic direction and actions to drive reductions in reoffending. I want to see South Australia leading the nation in rehabilitation of prisoners to ensure safer communities.

Hon Peter Malinauskas MLC
Minister for Correctional Services



46% of people leaving prison reoffend within 2 years of release

Chair's Foreword



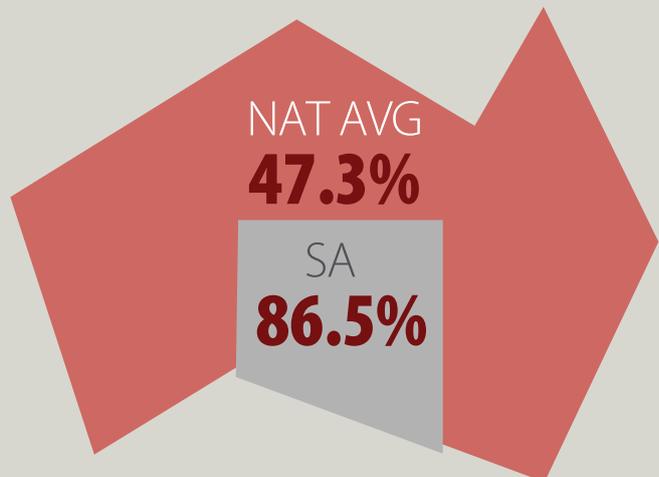
I am honoured to Chair the Strategic Policy Panel tasked to explore a bold new initiative, *Reducing Reoffending - 10% by 2020* set out by the Minister for Correctional Services, the Honourable Peter Malinauskas MLC.

I will work alongside some very passionate and experienced people, including the former Commissioner of Police in South Australia Mr Mal Hyde, Women's Advocate Ms Amanda Blair, Hon Rev Dr Lynn Arnold, former Premier of SA and Commissioner for Victims' Rights, Mr Michael O'Connell.

We will set out to provide leadership and advice on policy and evidence based practice to support a three-year strategic reform plan that promotes offender rehabilitation and reintegration as key elements to safer communities and reduced recidivism.

Nyunggai Warren Stephen Mundine AO

PRISONER GROWTH



Since 2006 the National prisoner population has grown from 25,790 to 37,996 - an increase of 47.3%.

South Australia's prison population has grown by 86.5% in 10 years. This is the second highest growth rate in the nation.

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THE COST OF THE PROBLEM

As a result of increases in the prisoner population the Department for Correctional Services budget over the past decade has continued to grow.



2016
\$314 million



2006
\$133.8 million

Of the Department's 2016 budget \$246.1m is spent in custodial costs.

REPEAT OFFENDERS



73%

73% of the current prisoner population have been in prison before

REDUCING REOFFENDING TARGET

The benefits of a 10% reduction in reoffending:

- Safer communities
- Fewer victims
- Possible cost saving of \$20.5 million

The reducing reoffending target is based on the return to corrective services data as reported annually in the Report on Government Services.

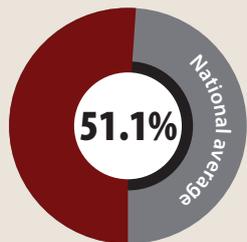
BUILDING CAPACITY

The State Government has commissioned an additional 1,120 new prison beds. These beds have primarily been used to address critical short-term capacity shortages. The cost of this construction is in excess of \$350 million.



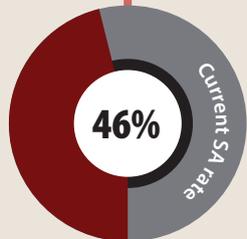
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beds created since 2006



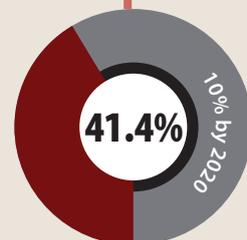
51.1%

National average



46%

Current SA rate



41.4%

10% by 2020

TARGET

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INTRODUCING THE PANEL

A panel has been appointed to provide independent advice on the development of a three-year reform strategy.

Chair: Nyunggai Warren Mundine AO

National leader and Indigenous advocate

Mal Hyde AO APM OSTJ

Former SA Police Commissioner

Michael O'Connell APM

Commissioner for Victims' Rights

Hon Rev Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Former CEO of Anglicare,
Former Premier of SA

Amanda Blair

Company director, columnist and broadcaster

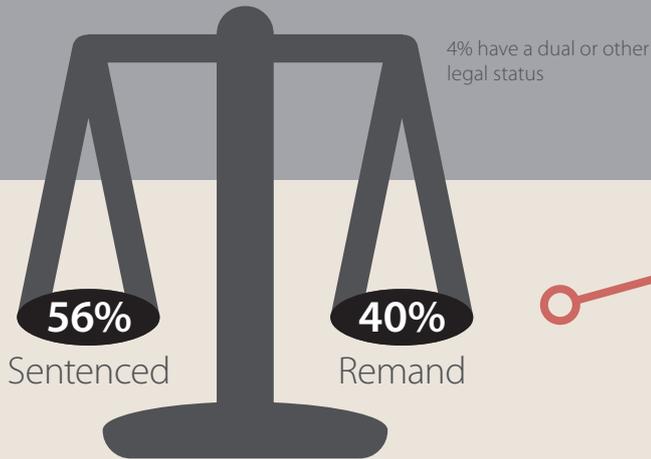
Nikki Govan

Deputy Chair of Business SA

Emeritus Professor Anne R Edwards AO

Former Vice Chancellor of Flinders University

South Australia has the highest number of prisoners on remand nationally

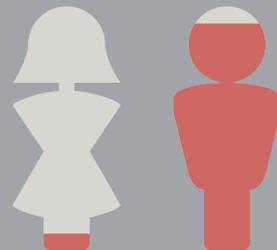


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prisoners are from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background

7% of prisoners are female



93% of prisoners are male

A comparison of one year's Private School tuition compared to the cost of a single high security prison bed

Based on 2014 tuition fees

