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Introduction

Survey questions

1 How much do you know about the current use of imprisonment in Aotearoa New Zealand?

Know some

2 Do you have any experience of imprisonment in Aotearoa New Zealand?

Any other experience (please specify)?

Other experience of prison:

We represent 250+ social services organisations nationally who have a long history supporting those committing crime, their whānau and most importantly, their tamariki and mokopuna.

3 Do you think imprisonment in Aotearoa New Zealand is used... (Please use rating scale below)

Too much

4 What do you think are the main reasons people enter the prison system in this country in the first place?

Any other reasons (please comment below)

Other:

The reasons are complex and systemic. For a lot of people in prison the structures of our society that embed poverty and hopelessness are a key factor.

5 In your view, what are the main reasons people return to prison?

Any other reasons (please comment below)

Other:

As noted previously, the reasons are complex and systemic. Poverty, hopelessness and a lack of connection and belonging are crucial factors.

6 What would you like to see happen to the use of prisons in the future?

Used less

7 The justice sector is doing a report about the future of imprisonment in Aotearoa New Zealand. The work will look at the following aspects. Using the rating scale below, please rate your level of agreement that these are the right things to be looking at.

Areas work should focus on - How the prison population has changed over time and why.:

Somewhat agree

Areas work should focus on - What prevents people from entering the prison system in the first place.:

Strongly agree

Areas work should focus on - What helps people in the prison system not return to prison.:

Strongly agree

Areas work should focus on - What the future of imprisonment might look like.:

Strongly agree

8 If you think there should be different or additional areas of work looked at to the ones mentioned in the last question, please share your suggestions below.

Different or other areas of work to look at:

A consideration of the social determinants of crime, and what systemic change is required to address these.

How our corrections system can honor our commitments to te Tiriti o Waitangi

9 The work will look at some of the following areas. Please indicate the areas (please only select up to three options) you think are most important to include:

Young people and imprisonment, Socio-economic drivers of imprisonment, Indigenous justice processes

Something else:

10 What do you think could change about imprisonment in Aotearoa New Zealand in 20-30 years' time? Please share your comments below.

What could change in 20-30 years' time:

1. Treating addiction as a health not a justice issue and policing it as such
2. Enacting te Tiriti o Waitangi and allowing for mana motuhake for Māori over Māori
3. A deeper, overt commitment to strengthening and adequately supporting the wider whānau of those imprisoned
4. Widening the workforce to ensure a range of skills and perspectives are available - and ensuring these people are well trained, highly empathetic, passionate critical thinkers

11 Based on your thoughts about how imprisonment could change in 20-30 years, what do you consider is the most significant challenge this presents for Aotearoa New Zealand?

Please share your comments below.:

Shifting our collective response to imprisonment to one of compassion and opportunity.

Educating wider New Zealand as to the drivers of crime and offending.

12 Thinking about how imprisonment could change in 20-30 years, what do you consider is the greatest opportunity this presents for Aotearoa New Zealand?

Please share your comments below.:

Saving a generation of Aotearoa's citizens from the impacts of imprisonment

13 Would you like to be involved in more detailed engagements on the Briefing? If yes, please provide your contact email below.

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