



# Refocussing Adult Community Corrections

*- the way forward*

## Philosophy

Probation and Parole contributes to community safety through effective and responsible offender management which focuses on reducing reoffending.

## Statement of Intent

Probation and Parole is committed to reducing reoffending, managing the risk posed by offenders and promoting public safety in partnership with the community through the provision of appropriate advice and a robust system of enforcement and compliance with the orders of the court and releasing authorities. We will provide an evidence-based service that is fair, professional and enhances positive behavioural change giving offenders an opportunity to adopt law-abiding lifestyles.

## Principles

- Provide timely advice, effective diversionary programs and credible sentencing options to the courts and releasing authorities
- Uphold the statutory obligations and intent of orders made by courts and releasing authorities in a safe and accountable manner
- Provide appropriate assessment, case-management and targeted intervention to offenders
- Ensure offenders have a clear understanding of their obligations and supervise them in a humane, respectful manner that encourages rehabilitation
- In partnership with stakeholders, including Aboriginal communities, provide culturally appropriate services to help reduce the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system and assists Aboriginal offenders complete their community orders
- Provide the opportunity for victim participation to promote victim empathy among offenders
- Provide an effective service through the provision of clear policy and evidenced practice, ongoing professional development and cultural competencies
- Staff are recognised for their strengths, contributions and diversity
- Develop collaborative working relationships with key internal and external stakeholders including community networks, government and non-government organisations, to optimise public safety

