



## Independent Prison Visitor Scheme

### Volunteering with a Difference

**The Justice Assurance and Review Office is currently seeking Expressions of Interest to join the Independent Prison Visitor Scheme as an Aboriginal Independent Visitor.**

The Independent Prison Visitor Scheme contributes to the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement through the appointment of Aboriginal Independent Prison Visitors.

Independent Prison Visitors report on the operation of Victoria's prison system through the regular observation of prison routines and by reporting issues, concerns and positive initiatives from the perspective of an independent, community observer.

#### **Aboriginal Independent Prison Visitors**

- have unrestricted access to a prison
- are able to speak freely with all prisoners, staff and prison visitors
- offer cultural guidance to Aboriginal prisoners and staff.

**The Aboriginal Independent Visitor is a position of integrity and is highly valued. The contribution of volunteering as an Aboriginal Independent Prison Visitor enhances the accountability and effectiveness of the prison system.**

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The Department of Justice and Community Safety acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land. The department also acknowledges and respects their history, culture and Elders past and present.

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