

11 September 2023

Dear Stakeholder

**MARBLE POINT JUSTICE CAMP (GROOTE EYLANDT) – ALTERNATIVE TO CUSTODY PROGRAM NOW ACCEPTING REFERRALS FOR ABORIGINAL MEN**

I am pleased to announce that DASA, in partnership with the Anindilyakwa Land Council & the Aboriginal Justice Unit (NTG), has commenced work on a Cultural Rehabilitation Centre as an Alternative to Custody option on Groote Eylandt. Working to deliver upon the aims of the NT Aboriginal Justice Agreement, we will take a whole-person approach to providing therapeutic alternatives to imprisonment that address the underlying causes of offending.

The **Marble Point Justice Camp** is currently under construction, and we anticipate commencing intakes before the end of 2023, likely beginning in late November. Initially, the residential program will be able to accommodate 16 participants, expanding to 32 beds in 2024. The program will provide Aboriginal men with opportunities to address substance use concerns and provide trauma-informed support to tackle the deeper causes of offending.

The Anindilyakwa community is very involved in their own justice system, and we will work closely with local community members, as well as the **Anindilyakwa Community Justice Group**, to ensure all programs are culturally informed and safe.

As you may be aware, DASA presently runs an Alternative to Custody program in Alice Springs (Mparntwe) for Aboriginal women. This program has been evaluated and is proving to be highly successful in terms of both reducing recidivism & improving quality of life for Aboriginal women.

As we finalise the program, facility construction and recruitment, I invite you to consider referring potential participants. The eligibility criteria is as follows:

- Aboriginal or TSI
- Male
- 18 years or older
- Must be a resident of the Northern Territory
- Must have cultural connection to Groote Eylandt, as confirmed by representatives of the Marble Point Justice Camp Referral Group
- Involvement or risk of involvement with the Justice system

Please find attached a referral form for your convenience.

Yours sincerely



**Eloise Page** | Chief Executive Officer



## Marble Point Justice Camp (Groote Eylandt) Referral Form

### REFERRER INFORMATION:

Referral Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### APPLICANT'S INFORMATION:

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Also known as: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Aboriginal or  Torres Strait Islander

Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Language(s) spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

Interpreter requested  Yes /  No

Language required: \_\_\_\_\_

Interpreter used  Yes /  No If No,

Why: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

### CURRENT LEGAL SITUATION:

The applicant is currently:

- Incarcerated sentenced
- Incarcerated remand
- Released (no conditions)
- Supervised by Community Corrections
- Parole
- Bail
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Charged with: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentenced for: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervision order: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Incarceration:

If on remand, next court:

\_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

\_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Date of eligibility for parole:

Full term release date:

\_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

\_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_



**ORDERS PREVENTING CONTACT WITH OTHER PEOPLE:**

Are there any legal / protection orders (e.g. Domestic Violence Orders) in place?

Yes  No

Against the referring applicant?  Yes  No      Against someone else?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide details and a copy of the orders: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:**

Does the applicant have any:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| Medical Issues                         | <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please provide relevant information |
| Mental Health                          | <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please provide relevant information |
| Alcohol and other drug misuse concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please provide relevant information |
| Payback concerns                       | <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please provide relevant information |

**REASON FOR REFERRAL / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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**FURTHER DOCUMENTS ATTACHED (where applicable):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal history                | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Order                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Report(s)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive assessment                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medication Management Plan      | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Care Plan                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter to referral agency       | <input type="checkbox"/> Any relevant orders (bail, susp.sentence, parole) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Disease Management Plan |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____:                    |  |



**APPLICANT CONSENT TO SHARING OF INFORMATION:**

The purpose of this form has been discussed with me and I give permission for the above information regarding myself to be exchanged and collected with the Drug & Alcohol Services Australia (DASA), the referring agency and the MPJC referral group for the purpose of considering my suitability for the Marble Point Alternative to Custody program.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal consent:  Yes  No

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Signature of referring person: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**APPLICANT CONSENT PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM:**

I understand and consent to engage and participate in the DASA Marble Point Justice Camp Alternative to Custody program on Groote Eylandt.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal consent:  Yes  No

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Signature of referring person: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Email Referral to: [grooteintake@dasa.org.au](mailto:grooteintake@dasa.org.au)**

Following receipt of referral and assessment will be booked.

(Acceptance to the program is subject to assessment of suitability and at the discretion of the Marble Point Justice Camp Referral Group)