

HEAR OUR VOICE POLICY STATEMENTS

LAW AND JUSTICE

Hear Our Voice believes in supporting initiatives and a culture in Australia that prevents crime.

Hear Our Voice believes in a justice system which protects the community through well resourced law enforcement agencies, accessible and timely legal services, and appropriate sentencing or rehabilitation for people who commit crimes.

Hear Our Voice supports victims of crime through the provision of appropriate compensation and support services, which include financial remuneration for victims for any loss of income or costs incurred as a result of the crime, as well as appropriate psychological support for their suffering. Hear Our Voice supports the seizing of criminal assets or the compulsory taking of loans by criminals to compensate their victims.

Hear Our Voice has concern about the effectiveness of imprisonment without rehabilitation, especially as the rate of recidivism in Australian prisons is high.

Hear Our Voice supports community based punishment for non-violent or minor crimes, particularly as it has a higher success rate than imprisonment.

Hear Our Voice believes that victim impact statements should be part of every sentencing procedure, particularly in regard to violent, abusive or sexual crimes.

Australian prisons have a high proportion of drug addicts who have committed crimes to feed their addictions. Hear Our Voice believes that drug addicts in prison should be provided with intensive rehabilitation programs to reduce the likelihood of re-offending.

Hear Our Voice condemns any form of violence and abuse (both physical and psychological) that is afflicted on any member of society, particularly crimes that are committed against children, women and the elderly.

Hear Our Voice supports mandatory rehabilitative programs for those who are convicted of committing acts of violence toward others.