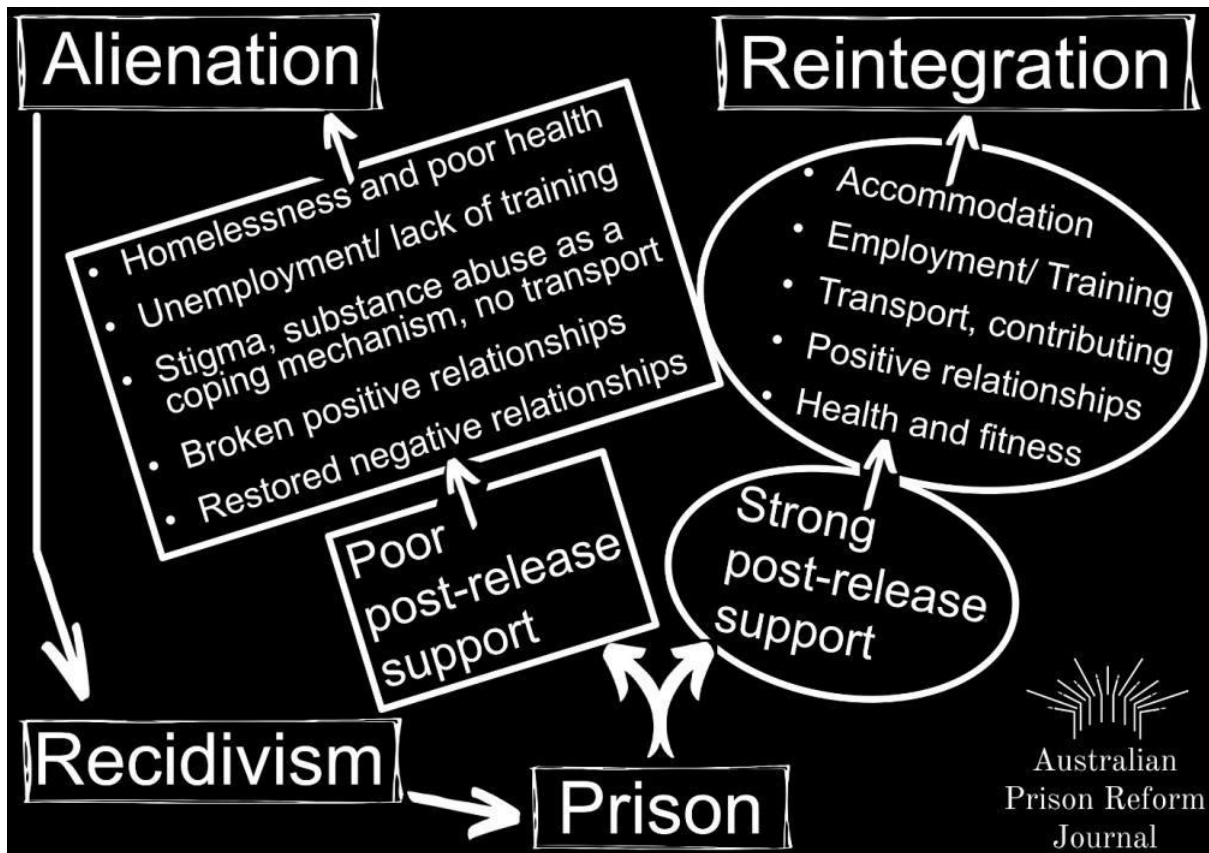


Theme: Strong post-release support to reduce recidivism



Four immediate actions to reduce recidivism

31 January 2024: The CEO of a national not-for-profit employment services provider, Nicole Dwyer, provides her ideas on how prison leavers may be better supported in order to reduce Australia's high recidivism rate (more than half of released people reoffend within two years of release). She argues that such measures are both humane and smart (with cost savings from crime and imprisonment, reduced homelessness and safer communities).

[Nicole Dwyer \(31 Jan 2024\) InDaily](#)

Ex-prisoner sheds light on life after prison

4 January 2024: Dean Williams shares some of the difficulties he faced when released from prison. Mission Australia Pilbara area manager, Meg Geutjes; Pivot Support Services, CEO, Ian Neil; UNSW criminology professor, Eileen Baldry; and JRI director, Mindy Sotiri all provide insight into the shortcomings of post-release support across Australia.

[Jesmine Cheong \(4 Jan 2024\) ABC News](#)

Abolitionist group criticises Justice Reform Initiative report

1 December 2023: The National Network of Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls (National Network) has criticised a new report by the Justice Reform Initiative (JRI), ['Jailing is failing: The Need for Alternatives to Incarceration in South Australia'](#). The JRI report found that incarceration had increased by 32% in South Australia despite a raft of measures aimed at reducing recidivism. JRI considered prisons of any kind to be harmful and ineffective at addressing the causes of crime and reducing recidivism. Nevertheless, the abolitionist National Network criticised the JRI report as being largely written by academics with no lived experience in South Australian prisons. They called for prison abolition and full decarceration rather than reforms to the prison system. The National Network also criticized JRI's slogan, "Jailing is failing." They argued that jailing was working exactly as intended – "to contain and control certain populations."

[Dechlan Brennan \(1 Dec 2023\) National Indigenous Times](#)

Australian prisons are failing to serve the interests of society

24 January 2024: The author discusses many of the reasons for the ineffectiveness of Australian prisons, with statistical support and links to other articles.

[Sonia Hickey \(24 Jan 2024\) Sydney Criminal Lawyers](#)

How Alpha in Prisons is helping to reduce recidivism

26 September 2024: Alpha Australia's National Prisons Director Liza Kelder discusses how the faith-based Alpha in Prisons got started and why it is so effective.

[Steff Willis \(26 Sep 2023\) 96.5 FM](#)