**Assessment 2: Policy Development Report**

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**Part 1**

**Instructions**

The NSW Law Reform Commission has put out a call for submission on the following two issues:

* The prevalence of domestic and family violence in our community
* The raising of the age of criminal responsibility.

You are currently employed as a Research Assistant in the Legal Advocacy Unit at the XYZ Legal Service. Your supervisor has asked you to conduct research on **one (1)** of these issues and to prepare a submission in the form of a written research report. Your supervisor will review and edit your report before it is submitted to the NSW Law Reform Commission on behalf of your organisation.

For the purposes of this task, you need to assume you have conducted some culturally appropriate consultation with your local community and have a good understanding about the range of views there are on your chosen issue.

In your research report you need to write some recommendations addressing advocating on behalf of your community.

Specifically you need to address:

1. Who you consulted with from your community and what processes you used to engage with community.

2. What are their concerns with some of the current laws? Ensure you:

* Identify the relevant legislation.
* Identify **three (3)** issues of concern with the way the law currently operates.
* Identify the relevant sections of the legislation these issues relate to.
* Explain why this is of concern.
* Include evidence to support your claims (e.g. statistics, quotes or case study / examples).

3. What laws and programs could better support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities affected by domestic and family violence / the current age of criminal responsibility?

* What legislative changes do you propose to address some of these concerns?
* Identify which sections of the legislation should be changed.
* What programs do you propose to put in place to better support those in your community?
* What cultural protocols need to be considered?

4. Any other recommendations.

Use the **Policy Development Report Template** to complete this task. Your report should be

**2 – 3 pages** in length and must include the following:

* a cover page (including your name, title of the report and organisation)
* contents
* introduction
* body
* conclusion
* bibliography.

**Policy Development Report Template**

[Your name]

[Title of the report and organisation)

**Contents**

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**Introduction**

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[Body of the report]

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**Conclusion**

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**Bibliography**

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