

# Menzies Lunchtime Seminar

## Presenter

**Leanne Liddle**  
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## Title

**Northern Territory Aboriginal Justice Agreement (NTAJA)**

## When

**Wednesday, 19 September 2018, 12.30pm – 1.30pm**

## Where

**CDU Casuarina Campus**  
**Building Red 9 - Seminar Room 1.48 ([view map](#))**  
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### **Abstract:**

Whilst the Northern Territory has the highest population of Aboriginal people in the nation we have one of the highest rates of imprisonment and recidivism rates for Aboriginal people.

To address this, the NTG in partnership with the NT Aboriginal Community are developing an Aboriginal Justice Agreement to achieve four broad aims:

- Reduce the rate of Aboriginal incarceration and recidivism in the NT
- Engage and support Aboriginal leadership within communities
- Ensure that Aboriginal people can navigate through the justice system and have sufficient access to all services within the justice portfolio
- Ensure that Aboriginal people can access the wide range of services from NTG agencies that are embedded and supported within a culturally competent framework

This presentation will focus on some of the processes that we are engaging to collect the content for the Aboriginal Justice Agreement, highlight some of the preliminary content, as well as outlining the complimentary projects that align with the Aboriginal Justice Agreement that includes alternatives to prison and more.

### **Biography:**

Leanne is an Arrernte woman born and raised in Alice Springs. Leanne has academic qualifications in Environmental Science, Law and Management, but she believes her most important knowledge has come from her grandmother and great-grandmother who taught her about traditional land management skills, particularly with the use of fire.

Leanne has served other senior public service roles, including as the manager of Food Security for Aboriginal communities in South Australia, and the manager of the APY and West Coast regions of South Australia both within the Department for Premier and Cabinet. She was also the first Aboriginal policewoman in South Australia where she worked for 11 years as a Senior Constable in remote and Adelaide police stations. Leanne has also worked on the international circuit; for the United Nations with stints in Geneva, New York and Paris with UNESCO, and as a director for Bush Heritage Australia. She has published scientific papers on the critical importance of integrating Aboriginal science into landscapes. Since returning to Darwin, Leanne has worked as the Senior Policy Advisor for the Northern Land Council and the Principal Legal Policy Officer in the Department of the Attorney General and Justice, where currently is now, as the Director of the Justice Unit Director where her small team is responsible for delivering the NT Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

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