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B. To address criminal justice issues faced by Indigenous communities, government policies and strategies have been put in place. The Dharawal Aboriginal Nation of Australia and the New Zealand Maori Tainui; both have over ~~rep~~ representation in the criminal justice system. Government policies and strategies have started to successfully minimize the numbers. The Australian Government has successful strategies such as Circle Sentencing, and ~~Abori~~ Introduce Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers ~~to~~ prevent and decrease the population of ~~the~~ Aboriginals in the system. The Tainui iwi (tribe) in New Zealand has had many Government initiatives to prevent and reduce the numbers in prison by initiatives such as Maori prison focus Units, ~~these~~ and a united community with police and Elders of New Zealand.

Aboriginal people have been highly population in prisons. ~~as~~ The Government strategies of Circle Sentencing has allow the Aboriginal people to not become part of the criminal justice system for smaller crime. The Circle sentence introduced the victims, witness and Elders to talk and discuss appropriate punishment. occasionally the meeting

may discuss past issues and the victims
not want a sorry. ~~They~~ The other issue
which has prevented the high amounts of
Indigenous imprisonment is the ACO's.
These officers allowed to interfere with
the action and prevent Indigenous
imprisonment. ACO's are in cohesiveness with the
local police. The local ACO's including Wollongong,
Nowra and Dapto try to interfere with the illegal
activities before they occur or before police are involved.
The government has seen the need in these areas as
they are of high crime. Both of these ACO's
and their sentencing is enforced by the
State Government to ensure that the
Indigenous people are successfully removed or
prevented from the Criminal Justice System.

Waikato Tauri iwi incarceration rates and reoffending
rates have decreased with the successful programs.
The Maori and police relationship hasn't been very
good in the past. The New Zealand Tauri have had
institutional and authority hatred while the Police
have had racist views. Now the Tauri elders
and the Police work together to find appropriate
punishment and prevention programs. This display
of government is successfully trying to change the

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relationship between New Zealand ^{Maori} and the New Zealand Police Force. Another Strategy is the Maori prison focus units. ~~These prisons~~ There are 5 prisons which share and promote the new Zealand culture and allow the inmates to go back to their culture as well. One of these prisons are located in the Waikato region, accessible to the Maori people. The Waikato prison embrace the values that Maori culture is important. It allows inmates to get back their culture and start fresh again once released.

Both the New Zealand and Australian Governments have put in place successful programs and strategies to prevent and minimize the recidivism and incarceration rates in the Criminal Justice System. The Aboriginal, community liaison officers and restorative justice has reduce the rate of Indigenous Australians on the Criminal Justice System. While the New Zealand Maori have been prevented through Maori prison focus units and the united police and Maori police force relationship. Even though the levels of Indigenous in both Australian and New Zealand Aboriginal people

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and New Zealand Māori are still high and overrepresented in Governmental Strategic Initiatives. She started to successfully decrease the Indigenous movement to the criminal justice system.

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