



# Restorative Policing

*Towards a Restorative Society*  
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# Today I want to.....

- Talk about 'the standard' approach to policing in NZ and the constraints to restorative policing
- Discuss a number of 'restorative' elements to New Zealand policing
- Suggest an action plan for more effective restorative policing in NZ

# Thoughts about NZ approach

- Standard incident response – policing under pressure
- Arrest and prosecution – justifications....
  - Identity
  - Efficiency
  - Perceived effectiveness
  - Lack of alternative actions
- The influence of police organisational strategy & deployment on decision making
  - Reactive and controlling
    - Subtly influencing a ‘cuff and stuff’ approach
    - Resulting in risks to “legitimacy”
  - Resourcing ‘the front line’ – tensions....
    - Unlimited demand
    - Extracting resources to specialise
- Criticisms of the current mainstream approach
  - Doesn’t work for many
  - Its very expensive

# 'Restorative' Approaches in NZP

- In youth offending.....
  - Arrest constraint
  - Alternative action
  - Youth Justice/FGC
  - Youth Development
- Adult Diversion
- Community Policing
  - Responsiveness
- Reassurance – signal crimes

# Towards Restoration

- Vision
  - Providing ‘touch time’ for field staff to take restorative options
  - Assembling information on the cause of the crime – “beyond the ingredients of the offence” - personal
  - Acquiring commitment of the parties
  - Selecting the best option to address the problem
  - Recognise and welcome success

# Towards Restorative Policing (2)

- Attitude
- Connectedness
- Case for change - measurement
- There will be a resource impact
- Whole of police approach
- Communications, inside/out
- Gradual implementation