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**TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS AND ABORIGINAL
CORPORATION FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

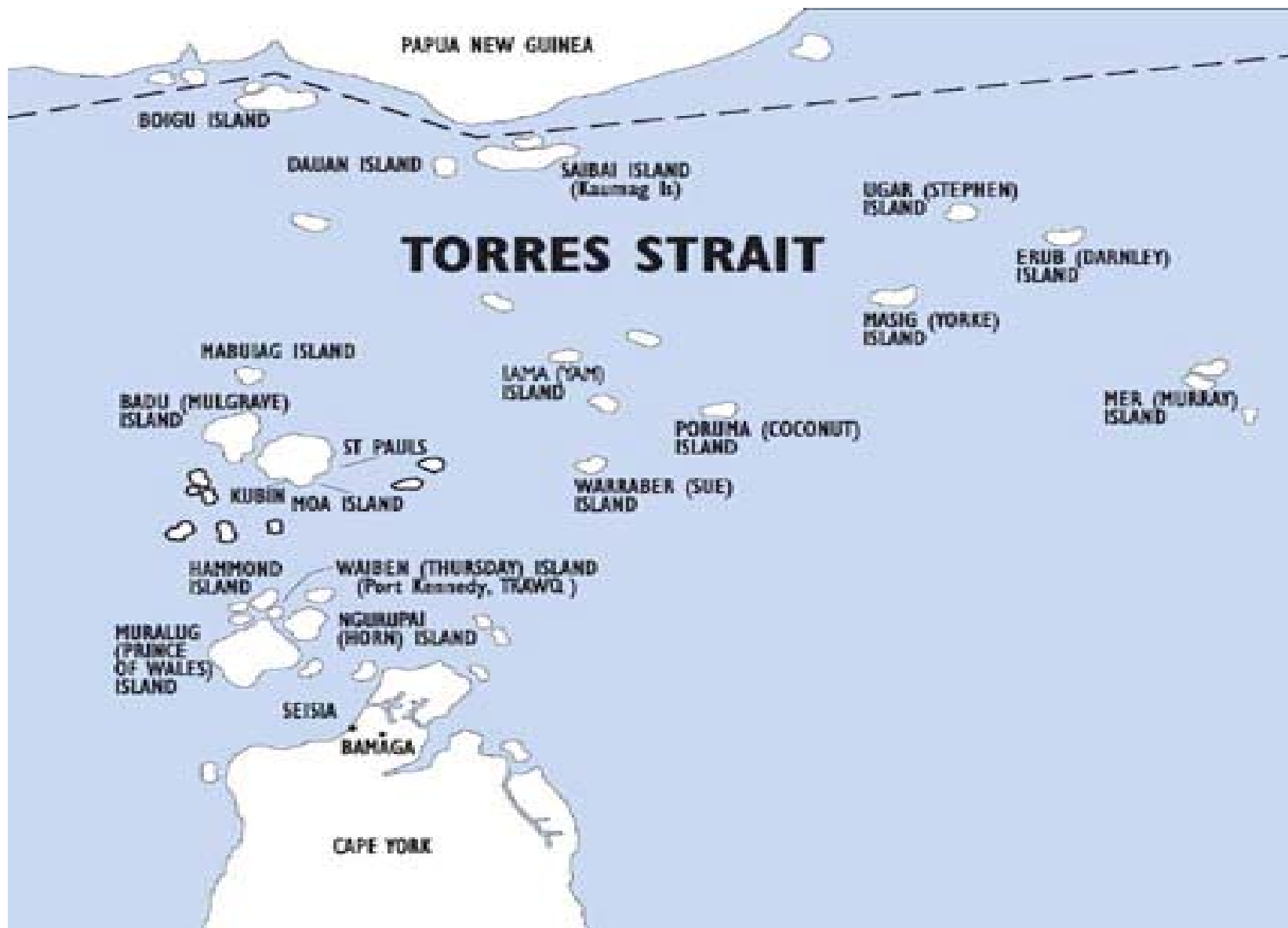


Torres Strait Justice

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Solicitor

Thursday Island






Courts

- o Magistrates Court
 - o District Court
 - o JP Magistrates Court
 - o Role of community in courts
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Dispute Resolution

- Informal mediation
 - Adult criminal mediation
 - Criminal mediation for young people
 - Building the capacity of the community to resolve its own disputes
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Community Justice Groups

- o Their role
 - o Expectations
 - o Limitations
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Communication

- o Language
 - o Interpreters
 - o Understanding is a basic and fundamental human and legal right
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Technology

- o Videoconferencing





Rehabilitation

- Absence of drug and alcohol services in Torres Strait
 - Lack of support for male perpetrators of family violence
 - Need for programs to address sexual offending – education and intervention
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A wholistic response

- Criminal behaviour in a small community such as a Torres Strait Island community affects everyone who lives in that community.
 - There is a ripple effect across the community in a way that is not experienced in larger centres like Cairns or Brisbane
 - Criminal behaviour in the community must be met with a wholistic response which is seen to and does encapsulate all aspects of community life – cultural, social, financial
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