

# Community Action Plan

for reducing fines debt.



**The NSW Government is committed to supporting communities to reduce the impact of fines debt. We want to ensure that First Nation's people and vulnerable youth are not disproportionately impacted by the fines system. This Community Action Plan template has been developed to help communities work together with government and community services to develop targeted strategies based on their individual community's needs.**

### **> DIRECTIONS TO OBTAIN DATA:**

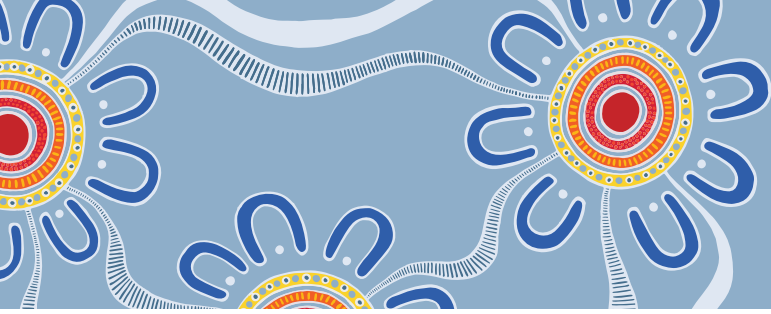
Revenue NSW co-designed this Action Plan template with communities in NSW – making sure it is flexible enough to suit different needs. **For more information and to request specific data about your community to inform the development of your plan contact [outreach@revenue.nsw.gov.au](mailto:outreach@revenue.nsw.gov.au)**

### **> TIPS**

- Use data available through Revenue NSW to understand the key problems relating to fines in your communities to fill in the next page and build your plan around that. If you require assistance please contact [outreach@revenue.nsw.gov.au](mailto:outreach@revenue.nsw.gov.au)
- Identify one lead person responsible for arranging meetings and getting the team together
- Set how regularly you will meet as a team to update this plan and check in on progress
- Form a team from your community who want to work together to create a plan for tackling fines debt. These could be local leaders, community organisation representatives, outreach workers for example. You could run an expression of interest for community members to select the organisations they would like to be involved in the development and implementation of the plan.
- We'd love for you to share your experience using this Community Action Plan. If you would like to share any feedback with Revenue NSW on how it worked for you, please get in touch: [outreach@revenue.nsw.gov.au](mailto:outreach@revenue.nsw.gov.au)

#### **Artwork acknowledgment:**

'Connecting Communities' original artwork by Alison Williams.



# Fines debt in our community.

The Community Action Plan is for:	
Total fines debt in our community as of	is:

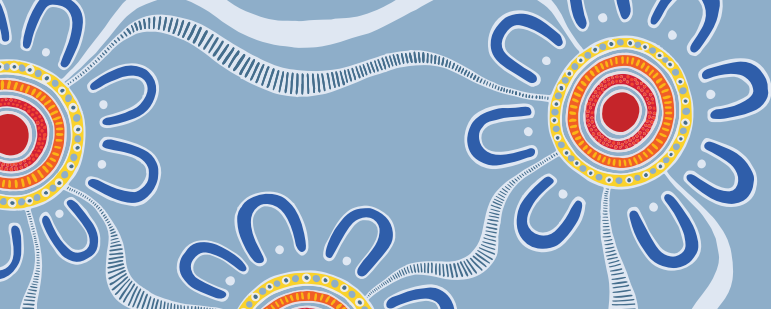
Data time period:
-------------------

Top 5 fines types in our community are:	
1	
2:	
3:	
4:	
5:	

Top 5 fines for Young People (U18s):	
1	
2:	
3:	
4:	
5:	

The top 3 Working Development Order (WDO) services used by our community are:	
1	
2:	
3:	

Top 3 WDO services for Young People (U25s) :	
1	
2:	
3:	



## Identify the problems in our community which are leading to fines.

Think about what else is happening in our community that may be leading to fines and that may not have been identified through the data. List everything you can think of.

What problems do we know are leading to fines in our community?

### > EXAMPLE:

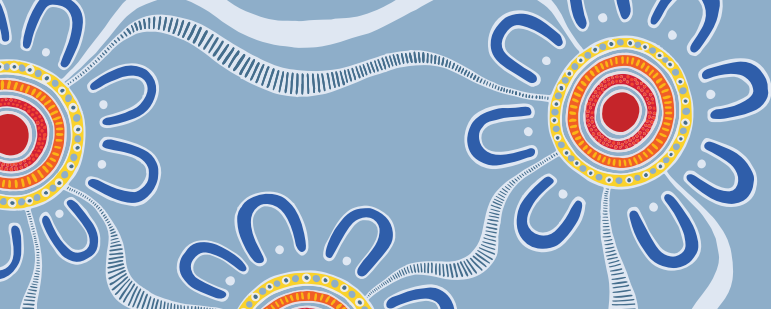
- Focus on Target spots within the community where speeding is occurring

## Potential resolutions.

From the above, now list all the possible solutions you can think of that we could do to resolve these problems



### > EXAMPLE:

- Change/adjust speed limit signage in hotspots

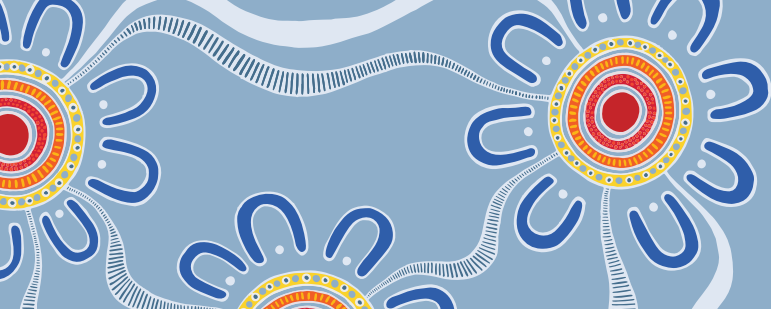


# Our action plan: fines prevention.



As a group agree upon the top 2 key things we can focus on to prevent people receiving fines in the first place.


What is the first problem we want to tackle? 	What do we want to achieve? 

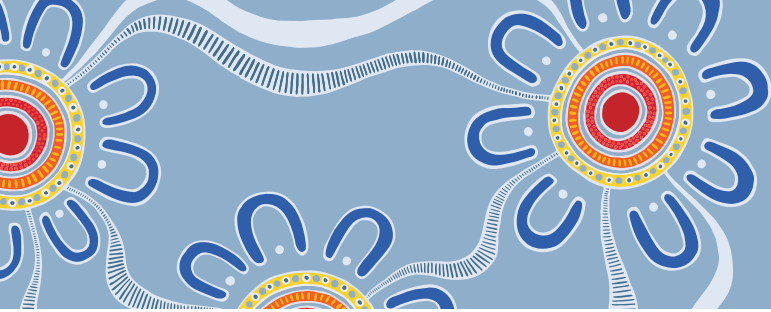
Actions 		
What actions do we need to take to achieve this?	Who is responsible?	Deliver by: (timeframe)



# Our action plan: fines prevention.

What is the second problem we want to tackle? 	What do we want to achieve? 

Actions 		
What actions do we need to take to achieve this?	Who is responsible	Deliver by: (timeframe)



## Identify the problems which are causing people to accumulate debt.

Think about what else is happening in our community that may be leading to people accruing debt and that may not have been identified through the data. List everything you can think of.

What problems are causing people in our community to accumulate debt?

### > EXAMPLE:

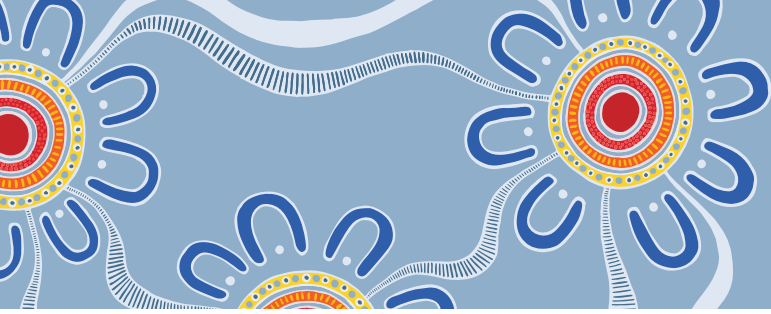
- Lack of mental health sponsors in the community to provide appropriate assistance and services to community

## Potential resolutions.

From the above, now list all the possible solutions you can think of that we could do to resolve these problems



### > EXAMPLE:

- Focus on signing work development order sponsors in services within the community that align with issues happening in the community



# Our action plan: debt reduction.

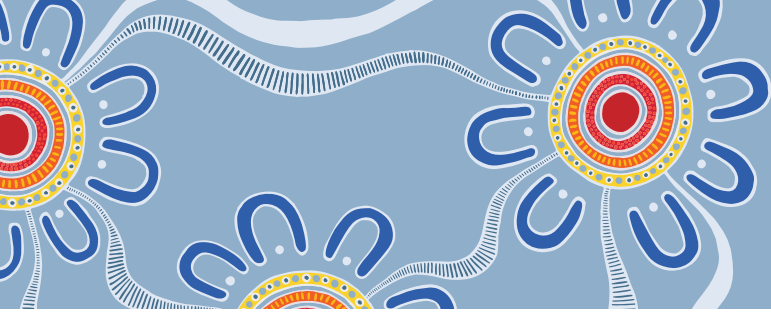
As a group agree upon the top 2 key things we can focus on to help reduce existing debt in our community.

What is the first problem we want to tackle? 	What do we want to achieve? 

## Actions

What actions do we need to take to achieve this?	Who is responsible?	Deliver by: (timeframe)

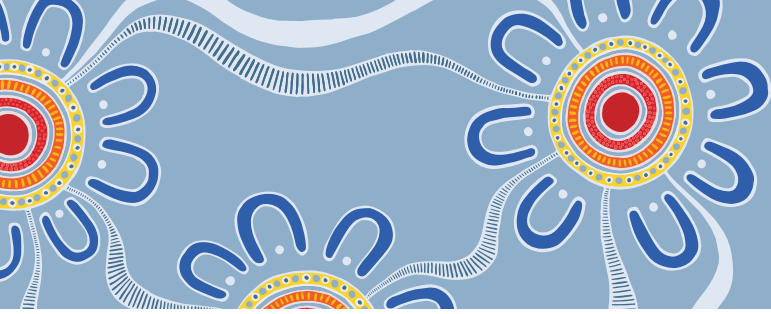




# Our action plan: debt reduction.

<b>What is the second problem we want to tackle?</b>	<b>What do we want to achieve?</b>

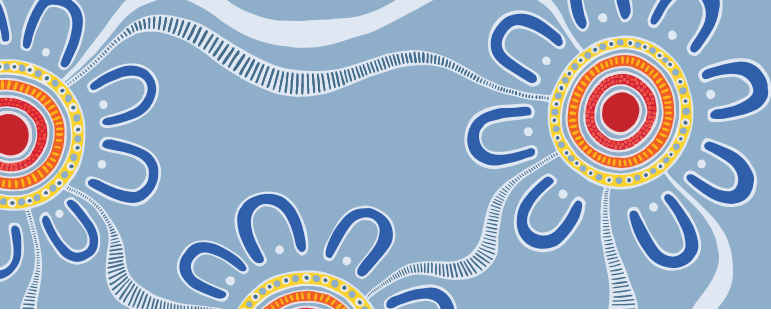
Actions		
What actions do we need to take to achieve this?	Who is responsible	Deliver by: (timeframe)



## Considerations for future actions.

(Optional - For ideas, refer back to your lists where you have identified problems relating to fines and debt accumulation.)

Idea	Brief description of what problem or issue this will solve



## Supporting organisations, useful links and resources.

Now we've identified what our focus areas are, we need to work out which key people, groups or organisations are able to support them.

### Who are the other key people or groups that should be involved or informed?

NAME	ORGANISATION

Use this table to write down a list of useful links and resources to assist and support your action plans

Useful links and resources

