

# Say “NO” to deadly tasers!

Last December 15-year old, Tyler Cassidy, was shot dead by police in Northcote. The Victorian Police Union used this as an opportunity to renew its call for all police to be armed with Tasers.

In May this year an Alice Springs man died after being tasered. In June, a North Queensland man died after being shot 28 times with a 50,000-volt device. In July an Aboriginal man was set alight in a remote West Australian community after being tasered. He suffered third-degree burns to his face, neck, arms and chest.

Tasers have caused more than 300 deaths in the U.S. and at least 20 have died in Canada since police commenced using tasers.

The Indigenous Social Justice Association – Melbourne is opposed to the use of tasers which we believe will have a devastating impact on Indigenous people, people with mental illnesses and young people, especially young immigrants.

You are invited to hear an expert panel discuss the dangers of tasers and discuss how we can build community support for and participation in this campaign. Join with grassroots activists and advocates who are campaigning to stop tasers and help make the case that these weapons are lethal. Hear about campaigning and legal test cases around Victoria Police accountability for taser use.

## Speakers

- **Emma Ryan** has been teaching and researching in the area of criminology for over ten years. She is interested in police misuse of force and developing effective accountability mechanisms for police. She is currently completing a PhD at Monash University looking at sub-lethal weapons use by police, with a focus on Tasers.
- **Charandev Singh** is a community legal centre advocate who works with Families who have experienced police, prison, immigration detention or mental health deaths in custody.

**Wednesday 28 October, 6:30 pm**  
**Solidarity Salon, 580 Sydney Road, Brunswick**

*Light snacks served and bar service available.*

*A collection will be taken to support the ongoing campaign to stop Aboriginal deaths in custody.*



*A protest in 2005 by the Coalition for Justice and Accountability in San Jose. Photo from Bay Area Indy Media.*