Topic: ideas

* Inequality and discrimination

Intro:

* Director Tony Krawitz (2011 film)
* The Tall Man: Death and Life on Palm Island a 2008 non-fiction book by Chloe Hooper
* Tells the story of Mulrunji Doomadgee's death at the hands of Chris Hurley
* Emphasises the inequality between the people who live on palm island
* Raises many questions as to why a white man was allowed to police on an aboriginal island

Para 1: white people believing that Chris was innocent but not TJ Yanner - an aboriginal man

* Chris is tall, kind, compassionate and caring
* Dianne Dillon
  + “He is a gentle giant”
* "Yanner's brother (TJ Yanner) served 4 months jail for assault, Hurley served no time for his crimes" - indirect quote
* TJ committed assault but Chris killed Mr Doomadgee
* The temper would get the best of him 'that was his dark side, even when he was good'

Para 2: the corrupt police and legal system (+ imbalance of power)

* Mr Doomadgee was arrested for public drunkedness
* Arrested 19 Nov 2004
* “they came in with their big guns”
  + Arresting people while wearing their full SWAT gear
  + Juxtaposition to the young people just wearing normal clothes and not even fully enclosed shoes
* Jane Doomadgee (his sister) wasn’t even told why he was arrested
  + A net of secrets and lies
  + The family isn't being told what happened
* Ambulance came
  + Ambulance workers walked straight past them
  + They were trying to figure out why the ambulance was there
* The different views and versions of the story
  + ‘scuffle where they fell onto the steps’ - Bob Atkinson, QLD police commissioner
  + Ian leavers - police believe that the police acted appropriately
  + Fall into the police station - Other people describe a slip
  + Do you want more vs get up Mr Doomadgee
  + Story has changed, suggesting that it is a grey area and that he fell on top of him when before he was saying he fell beside him

Para 3: the belief that the white people were just as bad off as the Aboriginal Australians (+ the disregard of how bad the issue was)

* 'he's done nothing wrong and has the full support of the union'
* 'im sorry there is no evidence and there will be no prosecution'
* 'the Umpires decision is final'
  + As if this is a game
  + This is a matter of human life not a game
* “Took it's toll on Chris and everyone in his family”
* Was ruled as not guilty
* 'it is time to move on'
  + Lets forget about it and pretend it never happened

Conc:

'palm island is a place where blackfellas have grown up under the thumb of the white man' - Tiny Bonner

* Metaphor