

# REMOTE LAWYERING

IDENTIFYING WAYS TO IMPROVE  
REPRESENTATION FOR CLIENTS IN  
REMOTE LOCATIONS AND CLIENTS IN  
DETENTION

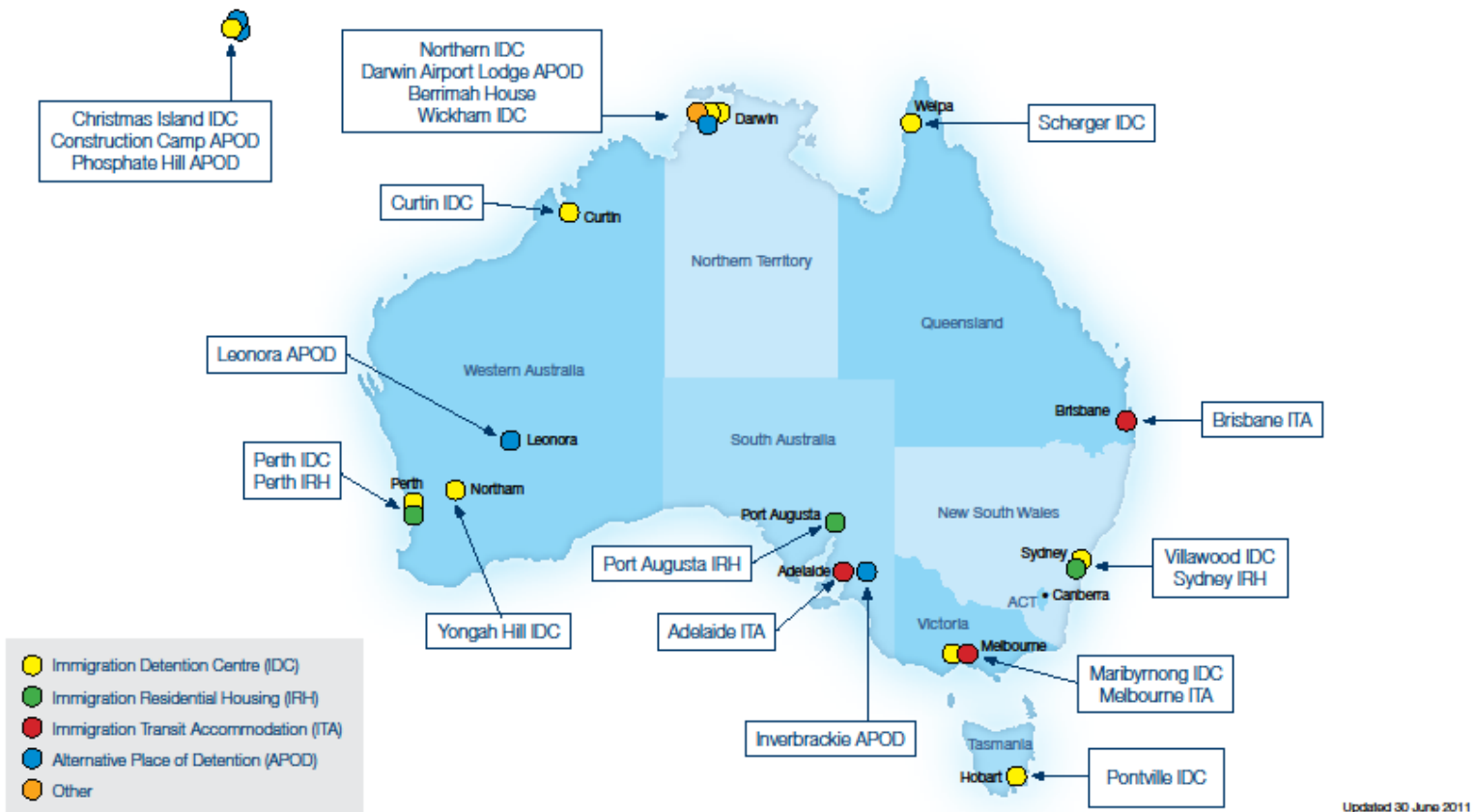
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## POINTS TO DISCUSS

1. How does remoteness from clients impact on our ability to provide effective representation
2. The specific needs of clients in remote locations or in detention
3. Does our role as lawyers change depending on the location of our clients?
4. How can we improve our representation to these clients?



## Australia's immigration detention facilities





# 'Irregular maritime arrivals'

Lodge an application for refugee assessment



# Communication with clients in remote locations

- Gaining the trust of the client
- Maintaining regular contact with the client (very difficult)
- Dealing with clients heavily medicated
- Dealing with clients that are traumatised
- Identifying these issues in the first place
- Communicating through an interpreter – who may not be relaying all of the information exactly, or identifying mental health issues, such as the client perhaps having an ABI or ID.
- Dealing with DIAC case managers

# HOW CAN WE IMPROVE OUR REPRESENTATION TO THESE CLIENTS?

- COMMENTS?

