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Australia's Experience in Implementing *Restorative Justice*

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Restorative Justice



With thanks to Rob Seward



**Because crime hurts,
justice should heal**

Restorative Justice seeks an opportunity for all stakeholders affected by an injustice to discuss how they have been hurt by it, to heal those hurts, repair relationships, take responsibility for reform, prevent recurrence and enhance the capabilities for human flourishing of those affected.

So Restorative Justice is about:

- Dialogue
- Active Responsibility
- Healing
- Building Relationships
- Building Human Capabilities
- Prevention of future injustice

Canberra Restorative Justice Unit Values

- **Safety**
- **Accountability**
- **Empowerment**
- **Healing**



Passive Responsibility

Active Responsibility

Start by asking:

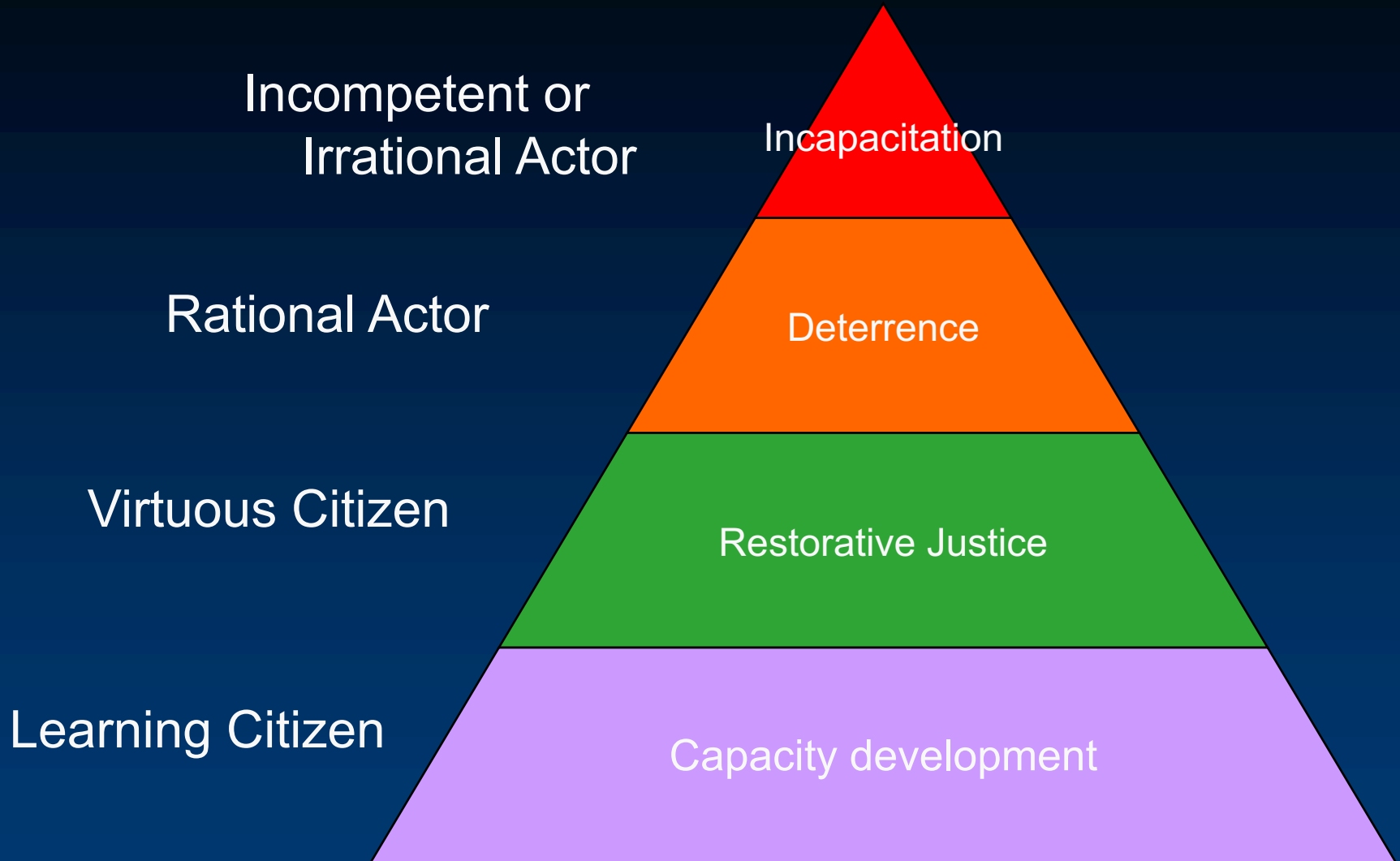
What's working in this community to deliver justice and conflict resolution to people?

What are the circumstances where ***adat*** delivers justice and conflict resolution in this community? How restorative is that ***adat***?



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Assumption



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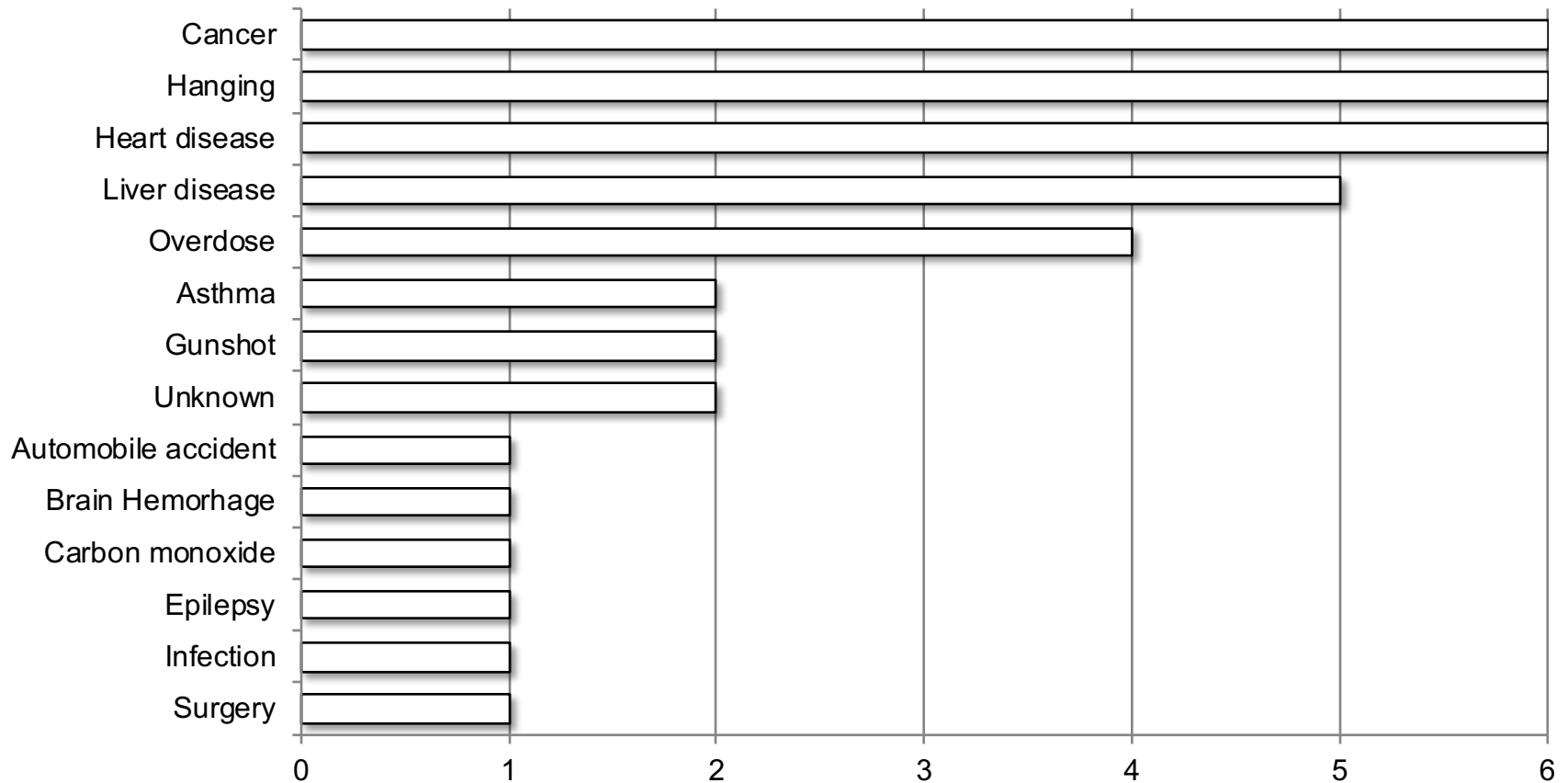
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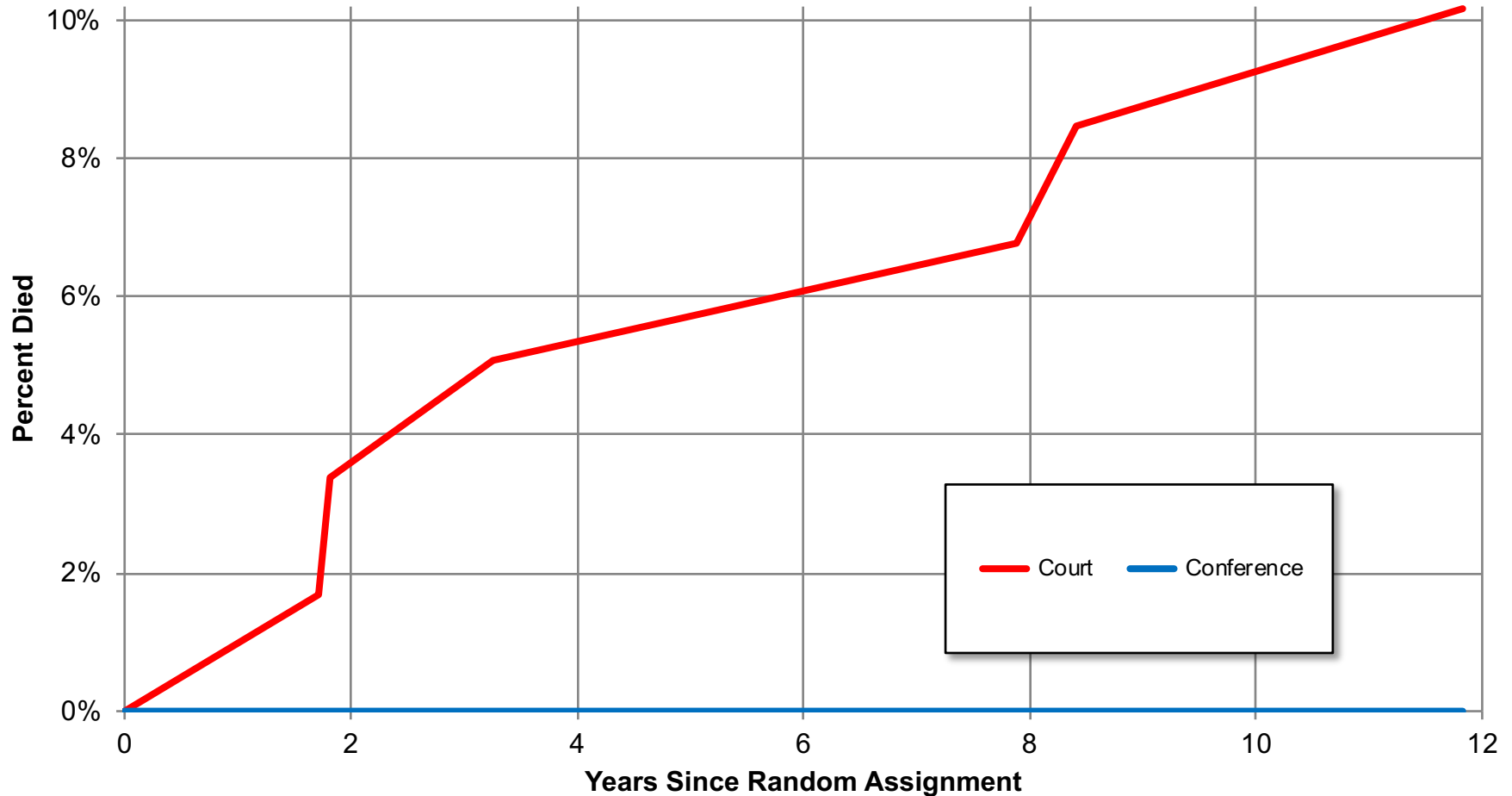
Causes of Death

Sherman/Strang Canberra RJ Experiments





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Implementing the agreement as an outcome

Effect sizes tend to be stronger for violent and serious offenders

This is a reason so many of the weakest effect sizes are for juvenile offenders

Lawrence Sherman and Sword of Damocles effects



Imbalances of power and restorative justice

Net widening as an outcome of concern

But some virtues of restorative police cautioning