

## **IMF Bentham helps young Indigenous man finally get justice**

In August 2014, with the financial assistance of IMF Bentham, the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) filed a District Court claim for Jake Dorin, an Aboriginal minor who was abducted and assaulted by two policemen in Wellington, NSW. Jake was 14 years old at the time that he was taken from his local skate park to two isolated locations on the outskirts of town and threatened and assaulted. The two policemen involved were charged with kidnapping and assault and suspended from work for a significant period of time, however they were ultimately acquitted of the criminal charges. IMF Bentham provided a \$200,000 costs indemnity in Jake's civil false imprisonment and assault claim against the NSW Police Force, protecting Jake and his mother in the event that the claim was unsuccessful and they were ordered to pay the Police's legal costs.

Following negotiations between the parties earlier this year, the matter settled in March. As the settlement was made on a confidential basis, the terms cannot be disclosed. Jake and his family are extremely grateful to IMF Bentham for their support. The case represents another example of IMF Bentham working with PIAC to facilitate access to justice and police accountability, particularly for young Aboriginal people. Jake's case is one among many being run by PIAC as part of its police accountability project, which seeks to achieve systemic reform of policing practices in NSW.