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The Hon. James Wood AO QC Chairperson NSW Sentencing Council Attorney General's Department of NSW GPO Box 6 SYDNEY NSW 2001

By email

Dear James,

Re: Alcohol and Drug Fuelled Violence

I refer to the above reference, in respect of which the Sentencing Council has called for submissions. I have read the submission forwarded to you by the NSW Bar Association. I agree with the Association's response, and do not think that we could add to or qualify their submission in any substantive way. Accordingly I would be grateful if you would treat our response as being one of agreement with that of the NSW Bar Association.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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Senior Public Defender