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28th January 2020

N.S.W Sentencing Council  
GPO Box 31  
Sydney NSW 2001

To Whom it may concern,

Re: HUMANITARIAN ACT

As the Attorney General of NSW, Mark Speakman, has recently called for a "review of sentencing for murder and manslaughter and the standard non-parole periods for murder," I should like to make a submission suggesting an amendment to the jurisdiction where parole is not available for life sentences.

It seems to me quite devastating that a prisoner should have NO HOPE of ever being released, even when the prisoner has shown great improvement and has developed a positive attitude over many years.

Rehabilitation is surely the best outcome and would encourage the prisoner to have something to aim for.

Of course, it must be shown that the prisoner would pose no threat to society if he were released on parole.

I am not personally involved with anyone in this situation, but I believe a prisoner should always have hope of parole, if he works sincerely towards that goal.

Yours faithfully,

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