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The Hon Jerrold Cripps QC
Chairperson
The NSW Sentencing Council
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Dear Mr Cripps

Re: Post Sentence Legislation For Serious Violent Offenders in NSW

Thank you for your invitation to provide a written submission in response to the issues raised in the consultation review paper about the most appropriate way to respond to the risks posed by serious violent offenders.

Following consultation with senior clinical staff and consultants in the field of Forensic Mental Health Justice Health is of the view that the extension of a post-sentence preventive detention scheme to serious violent offenders raises multiple significant issues.

The need for health and the justice systems to work more collaboratively is apparent as is the need to work towards a better co-ordinated and resourced public health approach to serious violent offending. The efficacy of current post-sentencing legislation, with its implementation and impact on sexual offending in NSW requires examination prior to any extension of similar legislation to violent offenders.

Should you require further information in relation to this matter please contact Karin Lines Executive Director, Forensic Mental Health and Youth Health Services on 9700 3029.

Yours sincerely


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