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By email

Dear Mr Waugh

Standard non-parole periods for child sexual assault offences

The NSW Young Lawyers Criminal Law Committee refers to the terms of reference referred by the Attorney-General on the review of standard non-parole periods ('SNPPs') and the NSW Sentencing Council's call for urgent submissions in relation to SNPPs and child sexual assault offences.

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The Committee does not wish to make any specific comments in relation to SNPPs for child sex offences, other than to submit that all SNPPs prescribed by Division 1A of the *Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999* should bear a proportional and consistent relationship to the maximum penalty applicable for each offence.

Yours sincerely,



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