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The Hon. James Wood AO QC Chair **NSW Sentencing Council** GPO Box 6 SYDNEY NSW 2001

By email

Dear Chair,

## **Priority Submissions on SNPPs for Child Sexual Assault Offences**

I write to you on behalf of the Criminal Law and Juvenile Justice Committees of the Law Society of NSW ("the Committees"), in relation to the Sentencing Council's Consultation Paper on standard minimum non-parole periods ("SNPPs"). particular, I refer to the Sentencing Council's request for priority submissions with regard to SNPPs as they relate to child sexual assault offences.

The Committees have had the opportunity to read the submission prepared by Legal Aid NSW and have chosen to endorse Legal Aid's submission as it accurately represents the Committees' position.

I thank you for the invitation to make a submission.

Yours sincerely,

John Dobson President



