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To: sentencingcouncil

Subject: Justice sentencing for arson

To whom it may concern:

For many years I have been concerned about the devastation arson has caused Australian communities and I believe this is a long overdue process – well done for making arsonist accountable for their cowardice act.

As this new sentencing will undoubtedly cause outrage to various groups who believe that goal is not an answer and who hold that change is possible with psychological programs, may I suggest that younger people be made to spend weekends at burns units to see firsthand the outcome of their criminal act and see what victims endure.

This might seem harsh but arson is such an outrageous crime – in the same category as molestation of any kind – that the punishment must fit the crime and people must be held accountable for their acts

Thank you again for responding sensibly and appropriately to this criminal act

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