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Subject

NSW Sentencing Council - Intensive Correction Orders Statutory Review.

Dear Mr Waugh,

Following up on the request for submissions on Intensive Corrections Orders, I see them as a valuable tool in the sentencing options.

ICO's administered appropriately provide judges with a tool that may be used to reduce the prison population, give better outcomes for offenders and reduce the cost of sentencing.

To have ICO's work to their full potential, there are a range of considerations

- a. The appropriateness of the offender, i.e. one who can potentially handle the home detention regime.
- b. The availability of community service projects within reach of the offender.
- c. The availability of educational (including therapeutic) programs to address offending behaviour.
- d. As the name implies "Intensive Supervision" not the token approach currently taken.
- e. Severe repercussions for attempts to manipulate the process (e.g. fraudulent Doctors certificates).

I believe the current research into the value of ICO's is long overdue.

Will His Honour, District Court Judge Hatzistergos be invited to give information to the panel?

For further information please contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

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