

30 June 2011

Hon. Jerrold Cripps QC  
Chairperson  
The NSW Sentencing Council  
Box 6  
GPO Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Sir,

**Re: Sentencing Serious Violent Offenders  
Consultation Paper May 2011**

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Thank you for your letter dated 1 June and consultation paper regarding the sentencing of serious violent offenders, and for asking us to make a submission addressing the issues set out in the consultation paper.

This detailed and carefully written document discusses the issues raised by the problem of implementing measures to protect the community from the dangers posed by serious violent offenders.

We have consulted with members of the NSW Branch of the Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry with experience in the management of serious violent offenders. We have attempted to address the issues raised in the attached submission within the scope of the discipline of psychiatry.

We hope that our submission will assist in your deliberations.

Yours sincerely



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