LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE

15 December 2015

Mr Brett Collins Coordinator Justice Action

Dear Mr Collins

Inquiry into the security classification and management of inmates sentenced to life imprisonment

Thank you for formally providing the Standing Committee on Law and Justice with the proposal prepared by Justice Action and Enough is Enough to introduce online counselling services in prisons.

Unfortunately this matter falls outside the scope of the committee's terms of reference for the inquiry into the security classification and management of inmates sentenced to life imprisonment.

While the committee is considering rehabilitative programs and services as part of the inquiry, our role is limited to considering the specific issue of whether it is appropriate to provide inmates sentenced to life imprisonment with access to rehabilitative programs and services if they have little or no prospect of release from custody.

I suggest that you provide the proposal directly to the Commissioner for Corrective Services NSW for comment.

On behalf of the committee, thank you for your valuable contribution to this inquiry. If you require any further information, please contact Mr Samuel Griffith, Principal Council Officer on 9230 3544.

Yours sincerely

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Committee Chair