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Dear Ms Dyer

Inquiry into the adequacy of youth diversionary programs in NSW

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Committee on Law and Safety on 8 May 2018 to give evidence concerning the above Inquiry.

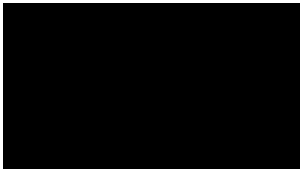
In my testimony, I referred to a standalone evaluation and further reports relating to Youth Justice Conferencing. A complete list of reviews conducted on Youth Justice Conferencing by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research is provided below:

- *The impact of the NSW Young Offenders Act (1997) on likelihood of custodial order.* Available at: <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Documents/CJB/cjb166.pdf>
- *Police use of court alternatives for young persons in NSW.* Available at: <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Documents/CJB/cjb167.pdf>
- *The use of police cautions and youth justice conferences in NSW in 2010.* Available at: <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Documents/BB/bb73.pdf>
- *Reoffending among young people cautioned by police or who participated in a youth justice conference.* Available at: <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Documents/CJB/cjb103.pdf>
- *Youth Justice Conferences versus Children's Court: A comparison of cost-effectiveness.* Available at: <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Documents/CJB/cjb164.pdf>
- *Youth Justice Conferences versus Children's Court: A comparison of time to finalisation.* Available at: <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Documents/BB/bb74.pdf>

- *Youth Justice Conferences versus Children's Court: A comparison of re-offending.* Available at: <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Documents/CJB/cjb160.pdf>
- *Youth Justice Conferences: Participant profile and conference characteristics.* Available at: <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Documents/BB/bb75.pdf>
- *An evaluation of the NSW Youth Justice Conferencing Scheme.* Available at: <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Documents/l12.pdf>
- *Participant satisfaction with Youth Justice Conferences.* Available at: <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Documents/CJB/cjb170.pdf>

The Department of Justice is committed to improving outcomes for young people in NSW and to reduce the interaction young people have with the criminal justice system and I thank the Committee for bringing attention to this important issue.

Yours sincerely



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