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COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

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To the members of the NSW Parliamentary Committee on rural and regional crime

I would like to thank you for taking the time to explore the issue thoughtfully.

Obviously some of our young people are vulnerable and their family context similarly is

Complex and vulnerable. While programs exist like ' Drive 4 Life ' within the Job Network and other programs may exist in other jurisdictions including ' Work for the Dole ' host organisations, Back Track Youthworks

Or others - in many rural towns the Saturday sport is what keeps the young people on an even keel they look forward to sport and they don't consume alcohol if they have touch football or NRL to look forward to on a Saturday morning. Some magistrates have been clearly getting a reputation for leniency and probably should be outright instructing communities about initiatives or programs which would directly benefit these families