



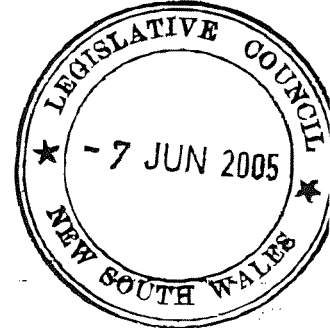
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The Hon Janice Burnswood MLC
Chairperson
Legislative Council Standing Committee on Social Issues
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
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Dear Ms Burnswood

I am writing to you about the Government Response to the Report on the *Inebriates Act 1912* by the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Social Issues.

As you will be aware, the Government's response to the Report on the *Inebriates Act 1912* is due to be tabled in Parliament by 28 February 2005.

I wish to advise the Committee that the Government Response will not be tabled by the 28 February 2005. This delay is due to the complex nature of the issues raised by the Committee and the need to coordinate consultation with various agencies on the development of a Government response.

The Government values highly the considerable work undertaken by the Committee on this issue and is carefully considering each of the recommendations made by the Committee. It is anticipated that the Government's Response to the report will be tabled in Parliament as soon as practicable.

Yours sincerely

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Special Minister of State

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