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The Hon Christine Robertson MLC Standing Committee on Law and Justice Parliament House Macquarie Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

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Dear Ms Robertson,

Re: The prohibition on the publication of names of children involved in criminal proceedings

Thank you for providing the Law Society with a copy of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice Report "The prohibition on the publication of names of children involved in criminal proceedings'.

The Law Society's Criminal Law and Juvenile Justice Committees support the eight recommendations contained in the report. In particular the Committees support the recommendation that the NSW Government extend the current prohibition in s 11 of the Children (Criminal Proceedings) Act 1987 to cover the period prior to charges being laid and to include juveniles who are reasonably likely to become involved in criminal proceedings.

The Committees thank the members of the Standing Committee for undertaking the inquiry and preparing this important report, and look forward to the Government's response to the recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Macken President

