



The Chief Magistrate of the Local Court

21 March 2012

Ms Merrin Thompson
Principal Council Officer
Legislative Council
Standing Committee on Social Issues
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Thompson

I refer to your letter dated 8 March 2012 regarding my appearance before the Standing Committee on Social Issues.

I return to you the transcript of Hansard. I have made a number of minor amendments as requested. I also attach a list of court at which CCTV facilities are available throughout the State together with a list of courts that do not have the benefit of those facilities. As the Committee may appreciate courts which do not sit full time are unlikely to have such facilities installed because of the cost/benefit consequences.

A list of those courts with AVL facilities is also provided for your information. Advice from the Department of Corrective Services establishes that during 2011 AVL facilities were used on 64,161 occasions.

Your letter also asks for any additional information I might wish to provide to the Committee. My additional response related to a question by The Honourable Helen Westward regarding establishment of special domestic violence courts in addition to what I said to the Standing Committee. I would add that I wish to draw the Committee's attention to the wisdom of Mr Justice Heydon set out in paragraph 122 of the High Court's decision in *Kirk v Industrial Relations Commission; Kirk Group Holdings Pty Limited v WorkCover Authority of New South Wales (Inspector Childs)* [2010] 239 CLR 531 [122].

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

Judge Graeme Henson
Chief Magistrate



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Local Courts with CCTV Facilities

Albury	Broadmeadow Childrens	Darlinghurst	Hornsby	Mt Druitt	Pt Macquarie	Wilcannia
Armidale	Broken Hill	Deniliquin	Inverell	Mudgee	Queanbeyan	Wollongong
Balmain	Burwood	Downing Centre	JMT Sydney	Muswellbrook	Raymond Terrace	Woy Woy
Bankstown	Campbelltown	Dubbo	Katoomba	Narrabri	Ryde	Wyong
Bateman's Bay	Central	East Maitland	Kempsey	Narrandera	Sutherland	
Bathurst	Cessnock	Fairfield	King	Newcastle	Tamworth	
Bega	Cobham	Gilgandra	Lismore	Nowra	Taree	
Belmont	Coffs Harbour	Gosford	Liverpool	Nyngan	Toronto	
Bidura	Cooma	Goulburn	Maitland	Orange	Tweed Heads	
Blacktown	Coonabarabran	Grafton	Manly	Parkes	Wagga Wagga	
Bourke	Coonamble	Griffith	Milton	Parramatta	Waverley	
Bowral	Cootamundra	Gunnedah	Moree	Penrith	Wellington	
Brewarrina	Cowra	Hay	Moss Vale	Pt Kembla	Wentworth	



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Local Courts *without* CCTV Facilities

Albion Park	Cobar	Gloucester	Lake Cargelligo	Mullumbimby	Quirindi	Wallsend
Ballina	Condobolin	Grenfell	Leeton	Mungindi	Richmond	Warialda
Balranald	Corowa	Gulgong	Lightning Ridge	Murrurundi	Rylstone	Warren
Bellingen	Crookwell	Gundagai	Lithgow	Murwillumbah	Scone	Wauchope
Blayney	Dunedoo	Hillston	Lockhart	Narooma	Singleton	Wee Waa
Boggabilla	Dungog	Holbrook	Macksville	Narromine	Temora	West Wyalong
Bombala	Eden	Junee	Maclean	Newtown	Tenterfield	Windsor
Braidwood	Finley	Kiama	Manilla	North Sydney	Tumbarumba	
Byron Bay	Forbes	Kogarah	Moama	Oberon	Tumut	
Camden	Forster	Kurri Kurri	Moruya	Peak Hill	Walcha	
Casino	Glen Innes	Kyogle	Moulamein	Picton	Walgett	



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Local Courts with AVL Facilities

Albury	Campbelltown Local Court	Maitland	Taree
Armidale	Central	Moree	Tweed Heads
Bankstown	Cessnock	Mount Druitt	Wagga Wagga
Bateman's Bay	Coffs Harbour	Newcastle	Walgett
Bathurst	Downing Centre	Nowra	Wilcannia
Bidura Children's Court	Dubbo	Orange	Wentworth
Blacktown	Gosford	Parramatta Local Court	Wollongong
Bourke	Goulburn	Parramatta Children's Court	Woy Woy
Broadmeadow Children's Court	Grafton	Penrith	Wyong
Broken Hill	Griffith	Port Macquarie	
Burwood	Lismore	Sutherland	
Campbelltown Children's Court	Liverpool	Tamworth	