

INQUIRY INTO OVERCOMING INDIGENOUS DISADVANTAGE

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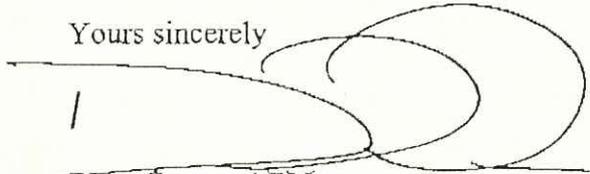
Dear Mr West,

Thank you for your correspondence of 3 July 2008, accompanied by the Interim Report of your committee's *Inquiry Into Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage*.

I note that the NSW Police Force provided a submission to the Inquiry in February 2008 and witnesses from the NSW Police Force gave evidence at public hearings in both Sydney and Nowra in February and March 2008, respectively.

A schedule is attached which contains our comments on the Interim Report. This includes information additional to that previously provided to the committee, which I understand will be treated as a supplementary submission.

Yours sincerely



Dave Owens APM
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Chapter Nine: Incarceration and the criminal justice system

Family violence and child sexual assault (9.172)

In respect of child sexual assault, the NSW Police Force provides the following additional information:

- The Child Protection & Sex Crimes Squad at the State Crime Command has launched Operation Kangaroo, to monitor Action One of the *Interagency Plan To Tackle Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities*;
- Approval has been granted for the establishment of a Joint Investigation Response Team (JIRT) in Bourke by March 2009;
- All NSW Police Force members of JIRTs are now required to undertake Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training.

Policing Indigenous Communities (9.43)

The footnotes on page 239 refer to evidence given by Mr Frank Lalor on 12 February 2008. This is actually Mr Peter Lalor of the Aboriginal Coordination Team at the Policy & Programs Command of the NSW Police Force.

Criminal Infringement Notices (9.126)

The NSW Police Force is providing information to the Ombudsman to assist in that agency's examination of the impact of CINs on indigenous communities. The NSW Police Force understands that the State Debt Recovery Office makes every effort to collect unpaid fines or enter into an arrangement to recover the debt, rather than proceeding to court action.