

**INQUIRY INTO COMMUNITY BASED SENTENCING
OPTIONS FOR RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS AND
DISADVANTAGED POPULATIONS**

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Submission No 9

Dear Mr Wilkinson

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On behalf of the members of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, thank you for your submission to its inquiry into Community based sentencing options for rural and remote areas and disadvantaged populations.

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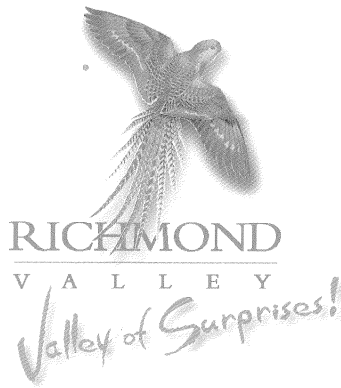
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A copy of the inquiry report or a summary will be sent to you shortly after it is tabled in the Legislative Council. We appreciate you taking the time to bring the issues raised in your submission to the attention of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Ms Rachel Simpson
Principal Council Officer



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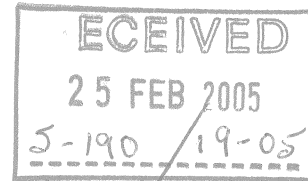
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Dear Sir/Madam

Inquiry into Community Based Sentencing Options for Rural and Remote Areas and Special Need/Disadvantaged Populations

The following comments are made for consideration by the Inquiry:

- community based sentencing options are considered to be "lighter" forms of punishment than imprisonment.
- for community based sentencing or other punishment options to be effective, there are three key factors; these factors are having definitive rules/criteria in relation to same, the consistent application of the sentencing and the "system" of having the capacity or resources to apply the "rules".
- applying various options to different areas/location can create other issues. In this respect, offenders can relocate to more comfortable areas etc.
- regardless of the above, the pursuit of community based sentencing options should be pursued as it is likely to produce more achievable results/outcomes and can be managed on a more cost effective basis.

Yours faithfully


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