

Evaluation of Child Sexual Offence Evidence Pilot

The Child Sexual Offence Evidence Pilot was developed to assist child victims and prosecution witnesses through the trial process in sexual offence matters. The pilot includes the introduction of Witness Intermediaries and an expansion of pre-recorded evidence. The pilot commenced on 31 March 2016 in two locations – Newcastle District Court and Sydney District Court (Downing Centre).

This research is being funded by NSW Department of Justice and conducted by external consultants associated with University of Sydney and University of New South Wales.

A very important part of the evaluation is the feedback from those who have had experience in the pilot, with a witness intermediary and the prerecording of the child's evidence.

Lawyers who have been directly involved in the pilot in this way are invited to provide their perspective. There are two ways to do so:

1. Fill out the online survey: please contact the researchers for the code. See contact details below.
2. Talk with a researcher: please contact the researchers using the contact details below to let them know that you are interested in being interviewed or being part of a focus group discussion.

The survey will remain open until Friday 25 May 2018.

This evaluation study has been approved by the University of Sydney Human Research Ethics Committee. You can contact the researchers directly if you have any questions about the evaluation or would like further information.

The Pilot is being evaluated by a team of researchers from The University of New South Wales and the University of Sydney.

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