



THE LAW SOCIETY
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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Commissioner Peter Severin
Corrective Services NSW
Department of Justice
GPO Box 31
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Commissioner,

Measures to reduce recidivism

I write to you on behalf of the Law Society of NSW.

As you are aware, the Law Society is very concerned about the growing prison population, and strongly supports the implementation of measures aimed at rehabilitating inmates and reducing recidivism.

In this regard, we are pleased to hear of the implementation of the High Intensity Program Unit at Dillwynia Correctional Centre, aimed at rehabilitating and preparing female inmates to reintegrate into the community. The priority given to inmates serving less than six months addresses the gap in the provision of rehabilitative programs for inmates serving short sentences. We understand this is one of ten High Intensity Program Units planned for seven correctional centres across NSW, which will focus on delivering treatment, education and programs and pre-release planning from day one.

We are also supportive of the new Custodial Care Management Units, which aim to provide a more consistent approach to case managing inmates, access to appropriate programs while in custody and support for an inmate's release. We understand that the Custodial Care Management Units will be rolled out to all correctional centres across NSW.

The Law Society congratulates you on the introduction of these positive initiatives.

Yours sincerely,

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President

CC Mr Cappie-Wood, Secretary, Department of Justice