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Commissioner
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Dear Mr Woodham,

Intensive Corrections Orders south of Wollongong

It has come to the attention of the Law Society's Criminal Law Committee (Committee) that there are some resourcing problems in relation to the performance of the requirements for Intensive Corrections Orders (ICOs) south of Wollongong.

The Committee understands that a number of assessment orders have been made at Milton and Nowra Courts where the ICO Reports provided by Probation and Parole come back indicating as follows:

Unsuitable for Intensive Corrections Order
No work available south of Wollongong
(or similar)

The Committee would appreciate it if you might advise as to the following:

1. Why there is no appropriate work available south of Wollongong when Courts are seeking to make the orders?
2. When such work might become available?

Clearly, both explanations may be relevant to the profession and defendants appearing in those Courts; and, indeed to the Courts themselves.

The Committee is concerned that Courts are no longer able to order Periodic Detention and yet even in Courts where ICOs are able to be ordered, there are problems with the performance of the orders that prevent the sentences being imposed.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,


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President

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