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The Hon. John Hatzistergos, MLC
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Level 33, Governor Macquarie Tower
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Dear Attorney General,

Re: Lack of AVL facilities at Emu Plains Juvenile Justice Centre

The Law Society's Juvenile Justice Committee (Committee) has asked that I write to you in relation to the lack of AVL facilities at Emu Plains Juvenile Justice Centre. The current lack of facilities has resulted in children being moved back and forth between Emu Plains and Cobham Juvenile Justice Centres which is unsatisfactory.

The Government increased the use of AVL appearances by children for a number of reasons including to reduce the transport time for detainees, reduce the security risk of transporting detainees, and to save costs associated with transporting detainees. If children are to appear via AVL then appropriate facilities must be provided at all Juvenile Justice Centres.

The Committee would like to know if there is any proposal to install AVL facilities at Emu Plains Juvenile Justice Centre in the near future.

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

Yours sincerely,



Joseph Catanzariti
President

