

The Honourable Tom Bathurst AC KC Chairperson New South Wales Law Reform Commission

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By email: <u>nsw-lrc@justice.nsw.gov.au</u>

Dear Justice Bathurst and the New South Wales Law Reform Commission,

NSW Law Reform Commission on Serious Road Crime

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Commission's review of aspects of the law relating to serious road crime.

Serious and dangerous road crimes have a disproportionate impact on young people as victims, offenders, witnesses and members of the community. The Children's Court is eager to contribute to a discussion about legislative reform directed towards reducing risk factors that lead to prosecutions involving serious road offences.

The Children's Court seeks consideration of existing penalties, opportunities for summary disposition, availability of diversionary outcomes, and the current restriction regarding the use of intensive corrections orders when a child is sentenced at law.

We are grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the next stage of consultation.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact

Yours sincerely,



Judge Ellen Skinner **President** Children's Court of New South Wales

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