



NEW SOUTH WALES

The Chief Magistrate of the Local Court

9 February 2011

Hon James Wood AO QC
Chairperson
NSW Law Reform Commission
GPO Box 5199
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Chairperson

Re: Cheating and Gambling

Thank you for the invitation to provide a submission in respect of the above inquiry.

The Court has little comment to make other than that it has no objection in principle to the enactment of a legislative offence similar to that in section 42 of the *Gambling Act 2005* (UK), should it be recommended that the common law offence of conspiracy to cheat and defraud be repealed. As a general observation, the transparency of the law is assisted by the legislative codification of offences.

Should you wish to discuss this issue with me further, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Henson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Judge Graeme Henson
Chief Magistrate