

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ms E Gallagher
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Dear Ms Gallagher

Thank you for your letter concerning the Circle Sentencing initiative in Nowra and problems children face when a parent is incarcerated.

I am pleased to advise that an interim evaluation of the Nowra trial has been completed and can be viewed by going to the Aboriginal Justice Advisory Council web page at www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au. The evaluation shows a strong success in meeting the programs objectives and in reducing re-offending among Aboriginal people who have participated in the process. A fuller evaluation will be completed in 2004.

I share you concerns about the impact on children when a parent is incarcerated and would be pleased to receive a copy of the paper CLIRI is working on once it is completed.

Again, thank you for your letter and I hope this information is of assistance to you and the CLRI. I look forward to receiving your discussion paper.

Yours sincerely

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