

Tough and smart justice reforms - safer communities

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Community safety comes first with a \$200 million investment in the NSW criminal justice system.

1. Encouraging early guilty pleas

will reduce delays, allowing victims to get on with their lives and getting police back to frontline duty.

2. Stronger sentencing

will make the community safer by holding offenders to account and reducing reoffending.

3. Changes to parole

will ensure stronger decision making and smarter management of parolees to make communities safer and reduce reoffending.

4. Better management of high risk sex and violent offenders

will ensure serious sex and violent offenders, who pose a risk to the community at the end of their sentences, can be further detained or supervised.

- Better sentencing options will give courts more effective options to hold offenders to account and reduce reoffending.
- Faster, more certain penalties will ensure breaches of sentencing and parole conditions are dealt with in real time.
- Greater supervision of offenders serving sentences in the community and mandatory supervision of all parolees, is a smarter way of reduce reoffending.

The NSW Government makes no apology for being tough on crime. The changes that will be made to the justice system will make it stronger and more effective by reducing court delays and reoffending and delivering faster, more certain justice. The reforms are supported by a \$3.8 billion prison infrastructure plan which is delivering thousands of extra inmate beds across the system.

Tough and smart justice

- We are tackling the root causes of criminal behaviour and providing more effective pathways to transition offenders back to lawful and productive lives. These reforms are aimed at reducing reoffending - less crime means fewer victims.
- Smarter management of criminal trials will provide better outcomes for victims and faster, more certain justice for communities.

Safer communities

Tough and smart justice means safer communities for people in NSW. Under these reforms offenders will be brought to justice sooner and parole decisions will be more focused on community safety and victims. Those who still pose a serious risk to the community at the end of their sentence can be detained or supervised.

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