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Dear Council members,

It is my understanding that submissions into the sentencing of perpetrators of crimes against children will be accepted by the Sentencing Council until December 24th 2017.

The comments of Clive Wall QC, retired Queensland Judge, that the four year suspended sentence handed down in the Tyrell Cobb case was not enough, reflect the views of a great many citizens in not only Queensland, but Australia and beyond.

My submission is that the sentencing we have seen, particularly of attacks by perpetrators of brutality against defenceless victims, e.g. children, the elderly and the disabled and "king hit" attacks, is woefully inadequate.

It is my urgent submission that Judges and Magistrates need to recognise that community expectations are not being met in their sentencing in such cases, and to adjust the sentences accordingly.

Yours Sincerely,

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