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Dear Mr Robertson

Thank you for your letter of 10 June 2019 about the review of community based sentencing orders, imprisonment and parole options. I appreciate you affording Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) the opportunity to further respond to the review regarding the potential removal of parole for short sentences of imprisonment.

As noted by the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council (the Council) and the Queensland Parole System Review, the removal of parole for short sentences of imprisonment would represent a significant change to the current operation of parole. From an offender management perspective, QCS has no concerns with the proposal to remove parole for sentences of less than six months. However, it is unclear what effect such a change may have on sentencing practices given the large number of offenders who are currently released to parole at the time of sentencing. This is an issue the Council may need to give consideration to in light of Principle 4 of the Council's review that any change to sentencing options should aim to reduce Queensland's prison population, while maintaining community safety.

If you require further information regarding this matter, please contact

I trust that this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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