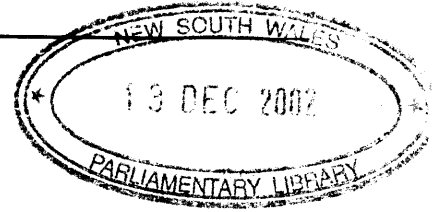




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*Bob Debus*



## Public invited to advise on sentencing

Attorney General Bob Debus has announced that the NSW Government is seeking applicants to join the newly established Sentencing Council.

The Council has been established to advise the Minister in relation to offences suitable for standard minimum sentences and their length. The Council will also monitor and report annually to the Minister on sentencing trends and practices including the operation of the new standard minimum sentencing regime.

The Act stipulates that four of the Council's ten members must represent the general community, two of whom must have expertise in matters associated with victims of crime.

"The Government's tough approach to sentencing is designed to deliver consistently higher penalties that better reflect community expectations. The Council gives us a mechanism to monitor sentencing practice and give the public a direct input to the system," Mr Debus said.

Ads will appear in the press from tomorrow requesting applications from interested parties.

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