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Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter Secretary Department of Premier and Cabinet GPO Box 5341 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Secretary,

I refer to your letters of 7 March 2022, indicating the Premier recommends for the Governor's consideration that The Honourable Nigel Geoffrey Rein, The Honourable Thomas Frederick Bathurst AC, The Honourable Adam Marshall MP, The Honourable Trevor Khan and The Honourable Andrew Constance, retain the title "The Honourable".

I wish to advise that Her Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the requests.

I understand that your office will now take the necessary action for a notice to be published in the New South Wales Gazette.

Colonel Michael Miller RFD

Yours sincarely,

Official Secretary to the Governor of New South Wales

Attachments: Copy of Correspondence to The Hon Nigel Geoffrey Rein, The Hon Thomas Frederick Bathurst AC, The Hon Adam Marshall MP, The Hon Trevor Khan and The Hon Andrew Constance.



ACTS OF PARLIAMENT ASSENTED TO Legislative Assembly Office, Sydney 13 April 2022

It is hereby notified, for general information, that Her Excellency the Governor, has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, this day assented to the under mentioned Acts passed by the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, viz.:

Act No. 8 — An Act to constitute and confer functions on the Greater Cities Commission; to amend the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to make provision in relation to strategic planning; to repeal the Greater Sydney Commission Act 2015; and for other purposes. [Greater Cities Commission Bill]

Act No. 9 — An Act to establish the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust and to provide for the management of the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust estate; and for other purposes. [Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill]

Act No. 10 — An Act to amend the Tattoo Parlours Act 2012 to make miscellaneous amendments resulting from a review of the Tattoo Parlours Act 2012; and for related purposes. [Tattoo Parlours Amendment (Statutory Review) Bill]

Act No. 11 — An Act to facilitate the conduct of major motor sports events in New South Wales. [Motor Sports Bill]

Act No. 12 — An Act to make miscellaneous amendments to the Major Events Act 2009 following a statutory review of the Act. [Major Events Amendment Bill]

Act No. 13 — An Act to amend the Home Building Act 1989 to extend the transitional period relating to certain licence requirements for medical gas related work. [Home Building Amendment (Medical Gas Licensing) Bill]

Helen Minnican
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Children's Court of New South Wales

Practice Note 15

Requests for the provision of services to facilitate restoration in care proceedings

Issued 29 April 2022

1. Commencement

1.1 This Practice Note commences on 2 May 2022.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 Section 85 of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 ("the Care Act") provides that a government department or agency or a funded non-government agency that is requested by the Children's Court to provide services to a child or young person or their family in order to facilitate restoration, is to use its best endeavours to provide those services.
- 2.2 The purpose of this Practice Note is to guide the process relating to requests by the Children's Court for the provision of services to facilitate restoration.

3. "Restoration Service"

- 3.1 In this Practice Note a "Restoration Service" means any service provided to a child or young person or their family in order to facilitate the safe restoration of the child or young person to their family.
- **3.2** A Restoration Service may include, but is not limited to, the following categories of services:
 - home-based intensive restoration services
 - residential rehabilitation programs

- drug and alcohol counselling
- mental health assessment or services
- counselling for children, young persons and their families
- services for people with disabilities
- parenting education programs
- early childhood health services
- counselling and support for sexual assault or domestic violence
- respite care
- children's services
- youth support programs
- accommodation or housing services
- emergency financial assistance.

4. Request for the Provision of Restoration Services

- **4.1** The Children's Court may make a Request for the Provision of Restoration Services either on its own motion or in response to an application from a party to the proceedings.
- **4.2** An application by a party to the proceedings may be made by way of an oral application.
- **4.3** An application should include information relating to the following issues:
 - the name and address of the Restoration Service and details of the appropriate officer to whom a request for service provision should be directed
 - the nature of the Restoration Service sought
 - the cultural safety, suitability and accessibility of that service for the child or young person or their family
 - the steps that have been taken to consult with the child, young person or their family as to their preferred service
 - the rationale for making the application
 - any other information about the Restoration Service that may assist the Court.
- 4.4 Where it considers it appropriate to do so, the Children's Court may request in writing that a Restoration Service provide services to the child or young person or their family.
- **4.5** The written request for the Provision of Restoration Services from the Children's Court will include:
 - the name/s of the person/s for whom the service is sought
 - the nature of the service sought
 - a statement that the agency is to use its best endeavours to provide the service in accordance with section 85 of the Care Act
 - a request for the agency to provide a written response within 28 days in relation to how it has used, or intends to use, its best

endeavours to provide the service requested including the expected timeframe for provision of any service.

5. Procedure following the request for Restoration Services

- **5.1** The Children's Court may adjourn the case for not more than 35 days following the request.
- In the absence of a response in writing from the government department or funded non-government agency, the party making the application for the request (or alternatively, the Secretary if the request is made on the Court's own motion) is to make enquires of the Restoration Service and report back to the Court on how the government department or funded non-government agency has used its best endeavours to provide the Restoration Service.

Her Honour Judge Ellen Skinner

President of the Children's Court of NSW

CONSTITUTION ACT 1902

Ministerial arrangements for the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government

Pursuant to section 36 of the *Constitution Act 1902* (NSW), Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has authorised the Honourable Mark Speakman SC MP to act for and on behalf of the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government on and from 2 May 2022 to 10 May 2022, inclusive.

Dated: 28 April 2022

DOMINIC PERROTTET, MP Premier