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Mr P Ford  
Consultant  
Part 1D Review Committee Secretariat  
c/o Criminal Justice Division  
Attorney-General's Department  
3-5 National Circuit  
BARTON ACT 2600

Dear Mr Ford

**RE: Review of Part 1D of the *Crimes Act 1914***

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this review.

The Public Defenders Office has been canvassed and there are no parts of the legislation that are of specific concern to the members of my office.

Generally, whilst I accept the efficacy of DNA evidence in detecting the guilty and clearing the innocent, I oppose any amendment to the part that would further intrude into the privacy of citizens, whether victims, suspects, defendants or convicted persons.

Furthermore, I submit that there should be uniformity between the New South Wales regime of forensic procedures and the Commonwealth regime to the greatest possible degree.

Please keep me informed of the progress of your review.

Yours sincerely

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**Senior Public Defender**

