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## Prisoner Transport Campaign

Members are advised that your Executive has unanimously determined to initiate a campaign to force the NSW Government to fix the crisis around the transport of prisoners in this state. We have been inundated with complaints from members at all ranks, where police are regularly forced to undertake the work of Corrective Services and Juvenile Justice officers to transport prisoners to and from courts, prisons and hospitals, both in metropolitan and regional areas.

Your Executive have resolved as follows:

**To commence a campaign to reduce the burden of prisoner transport (including all categories of persons in custody) on PANSW members. The Executive authorises the expenditure of necessary resources to plan and implement the campaign including engagement with NSWPF management, media engagement, stakeholder engagement and political action; and**

**Demands the NSW Government and the relevant agencies produce a funded proposal for the Parkes Prisoner Transport trial by Wednesday, 7 March 2018 or action will be taken in support of our campaign, and demands that once endorsed by PANSW the Parkes Prisoner Transport trial commence by Sunday, 1 April 2018 or action will be taken in support of our campaign; and**

**Members will be asked to cease collecting any person in the custody of another agency for the purpose of transporting them to another location as of Sunday, 18 March 2018; and**

**With the exception of prisoners brought to police stations under s25 orders members will be asked to cease accepting into police custody any person in the custody of another agency for the purpose of court proceedings or related procedures, commencing Sunday, 18 March 2018.**

Our Commissioned Officers Branch discussed this issue at their recent Forum and Branch meeting. Their Branch are 100% supportive of the need for this matter to be brought to a head. Transport of prisoners ought not be a role for already overworked and under resourced police. Too often this extraneous task leaves communities without policing coverage, and exposes members to avoidable work, health and safety and legal liability when transporting prisoners in unsuitable vehicles over long distances. Corrective Services should be properly resourced to undertake this function.

Correspondence has been forwarded to the Premier, Police Minister and the Commissioner in relation to this issue and we are awaiting a response. Your Executive is committed to backing all members prepared to stand up in support of our rights, and will ensure any action does not compromise the legal position of any individual.

**Further information and instructions will be circulated as this campaign rolls out.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Weber', is positioned above the name 'SCOTT WEBER'.

**SCOTT WEBER**  
President