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## PRISONER TRANSPORT DISPUTE

The orders issued by the Industrial Relations Commission (IRC) ordering the cessation of our industrial campaign and IRC based conciliation expired last Friday on 15 June 2018.

Your Association attended the IRC on 15 June seeking a commitment from the NSWPF and Correctives Services that ongoing meetings and trials will continue to occur. Whilst the pressure from the membership on the NSW Government to resolve this issue continues, we are engaged in meaningful consultation meetings aimed at addressing each of the prisoner transport deficiencies.

Should these discussions stall we will not hesitate to reinstate the Industrial Campaign.

Last Friday, IRC Commissioner Murphy scheduled ongoing IRC conciliation and report back dates during July which were agreed to between the parties. Your Association Executive passed a number of motions yesterday directing the PANSW campaign towards further progressing our position that police officers should not be collecting and transporting persons in custody from other agencies, along with the amendments to Section 33 confirming the powers of correctives officers.

The trial sites of Newcastle and Parkes are progressing through consultation phases with the involvement of local Branch Officials which is aimed at reducing the necessity to transport prisoners. Further desk top reviews and data collection is being discussed at meetings being held in these locations over the next fortnight.

A high level strategic meeting will be held on 3 and 4 July involving the Department of Correctives Services, Juvenile Justice, senior NSWPF officers and your Association, where this issue will continue to be debated with resolutions being sought.

A reminder for all officers to continue to have prisoner transportation captured using the new CAD categories, where CAD is not available members should rely on VKG to log their prisoner transportation tasks.

We ask that Branches continue to forward us information (good and bad) which can be sent to [feedback@pansw.org.au](mailto:feedback@pansw.org.au) with the title **Prisoner Transport**.

Continue to engage with your branch officials and have conversations with your local magistrates, local Members, mayors and the media. They need to know every time your resources are diverted away from protecting your city or town to transport a prisoner.

Please click on the link below to see examples of how Branches are engaging on this issue. Continue to use this link to view updates, media articles and branch activity on this campaign <http://bit.ly/2Dw4mXv>

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony King', is positioned above the printed name.

**Tony King**  
**President**