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Circular 41

### **IRC Prisoner Transport Recommendations**

Following IRC recommendations being issued by the IRC on the 12<sup>th</sup> October regarding our prisoner transport dispute, NSWPF, CSNSW and your Association reported back on the 24<sup>th</sup> October where NSWPF provided their position on each of the recommendations.

#### **Newcastle Trial Site**

- This 6 month trial increases the presence of Correctives Services where a collection service will occur at Belmont, Toronto, Nelson Bay, Raymond Terrace, Maitland and Waratah for police bail refused offenders on court sitting days. It will involve accepting custodies from police at custody courts
- The Newcastle trial is Due to commence on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and WILL include CSNSW undertaking many of the Section 33 mental health ordered transports

#### **Parkes Trial Site**

- NSWPF and Correctives Services have declined to implement the proposed model in its current form, the parties have agreed to review the Parkes trial and work on aspects of that trial that can be amended to make it work
- As an immediate interim measure the Department of Justice has agreed to reimburse the NSWPF for the cost of additional police shifts required to undertake the transport of court bail refused prisoners. Those shifts will be outside of normal rostered shifts and are not part of the FRPA.

#### **Section 33 AVL issued Orders and Transports**

- Legislative amendments will be proclaimed mid-November enabling very clearly the ability of correctives services officers to undertake Section 33 AVL ordered transports
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 those locations will be Amber Laurel, Sydney Police Centre and all correctional centres (gaols) that have Audio Visual Link (AVL) capabilities across the state reducing the significant burden on police officers
- NSWPF and Correctives Services are yet to agree on Dubbo as a trial Section 33 location, your Association's position remains that Dubbo should be included in the trial

#### **State Wide Mapping**

- The parties have agreed to map the Correctives Services routes to understand what work practices can be improved

Your Association will be seeking a further recommendation from the Commission in line with the above commitments at our next report back in November and we see the above changes as a small step forward in what is a very large problem and impost on police officers that we will continue to advocate for change.

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**TONY KING**  
President