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Prisoner Transport Win

Your Association is pleased to report the success achieved during the Prisoner Transport Industrial Relations Commission (IRC) proceedings where, through a Recommendation issued from the IRC, and continued pressure applied by your Association, the following trials and protocols will be implemented as follows:

1). Newcastle Region Pilot – CSNSW undertaking more prisoner transports 7 January 19

For the duration of the pilot period, CSNSW have committed to expanding their operations in and around Newcastle with **CSNSW officers undertaking many of the prisoner transport movements** that were usually undertaken by police. The Newcastle pilot will also include CSNSW assisting with Section 33 Mental Health (Forensic Provision) Act 1990 transports. Further details will be provided to the affected Police Districts early December 2018.

2). Central West Police District Trial – Immediate Revised operating model for prisoner transports

The Commissioner of Police has agreed to conducting a prisoner transport trial at the Parkes sector of the Central-West Police District. This trial will involve the movement of prisoners, beyond their first Court appearance, **using police on paid overtime.**

3). Trial other Police Districts – First Response officers not to be used

The Commissioner of Police has agreed that for the remaining Police Districts, the movement of prisoners by police, beyond their first Court appearance, that were already being undertaken by Police, **will be undertaken using non-First Response officers** if they are available and, in their absence, police on overtime. This trial commences immediately.

4). Section 33 Mental Health Transports 3 December 2018 (in agreed locations only)

Commencing **3 December 2018**, CSNSW have committed to a pilot of transporting defendants who are the subject of an order pursuant to Section 33 of the Mental Health (Forensic Provisions) Act 1990, when the defendant is in their custody at either Surry Hills, Amber Laurel or an agreed Correctional Centre (where AVL is installed) **and** the order is made by way of AVL. Amendments have been made to the Legislation enabling CSNSW to undertake these transports.

The above pilots and trials are a **significant win for the PANSW and its Members** in reducing the burden of prisoner transports on front line policing. Your Association will continue progressing this matter in the IRC with ongoing mapping and local arrangements being reviewed, which will continue to be discussed and debated during the proceedings.

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