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Dear Dr Guthrie,

Thank you for your recent letter dated 27 January 2015, providing me with a copy of the Final Report – *Views on Alternatives to Imprisonment: A Citizens Jury Approach*.

The Report's findings are a valuable resource, which primarily indicates that more evidence-based research is required in criminal justice policy, particularly in relation to the development of alternative options to incarceration.

As I have previously stated, the concept of justice reinvestment is a potential game changer for criminal justice policy in NSW. At its heart, it is a grassroots approach where local community agencies including Police, Legal Aid and Courts can work collaboratively to address the underlying causes of recidivism, and reduce Indigenous overrepresentation in our criminal justice system.

Thank you for providing me with a copy of the Report.

Yours sincerely

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