



## The Hon Pru Goward MP

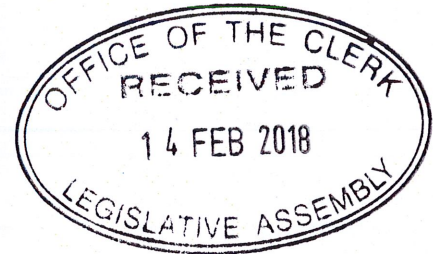
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Dear Ms Gibbons

*Melanie,*

I am writing to you regarding the recent recommendation made by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Children and Young People (the Committee) that I conduct a review of the incidence of violence against children and young people. This recommendation was made by the Committee following their review of the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People's (ACYP) 2017 annual report.

I support the recommendation, and have asked the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) to undertake a review into the incidence of violence against children, with a particular focus of violence against children who are vulnerable.

FACS has already commenced initial discussions with the ACYP regarding the scope of the review, and will partner with the ACYP in its completion.

I will provide an update to the Committee on the progress of the review within a year.

Yours sincerely

Pru Goward MP