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Department of Justice **Sheriff Officers bulletin**

Recently the Sheriff's Office released the *Perimeter Security Screening Policy and Guidelines*. The PSA received a draft copy of this document and, as a result, provided relevant member feedback. Disappointingly, it would appear none of our concerns were addressed in the final draft.

Whilst the PSA and most members agree in principle with the intent of this policy, the prohibition on carrying and using mobile phones has identified several significant personal and operational safety concerns. Some of the issues identified by members as being problematic include but are not limited to:

- carers' obligations
- the inadequate/unreliable communications capability of the Government Radio Network (GRN)
- inability to communicate during emergencies and/or critical incidents.

As a matter of urgency, the PSA will initiate further consultation with the Justice Department but in the interim, the PSA recommends members comply with **all aspects** of the policy where possible.

Members with concerns in relation to the draft policy should inform your OIC in writing in the first instance. You should highlight your personal concerns and circumstances.

Members should also register their concerns with the PSA MSC on **1300 772 679**.

All matters will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

If you are a non-member and have concerns around this or other issues we encourage:

What can you do?

- Give a copy of this bulletin to your colleagues.
- Print this bulletin and put it up on your notice board.
- Ask a colleague to join the PSA.
- Get involved as your Area Contact

Not a member? **JOIN** online!

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