



## The Honourable David Elliott MP

Minister for Counter Terrorism  
Minister for Corrections  
Minister for Veterans Affairs

Stewart Little  
General Secretary  
Public Service Association  
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Dear Mr Little,

The NSW Government stands with hardworking correctional officers who have one of the most dangerous jobs in the state. Their safety is our priority.

Urgent advice has been sought from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions on whether it will appeal the recent District Court judgment in relation to the matter of Hamzy.

Even if the Director of Public Prosecutions does not appeal, or an appeal is unsuccessful, then a re-elected Coalition Government will amend the legislation to ensure any loophole is addressed and the legislation is strengthened, meaning officers will enjoy the full protection of the law and their safety is enhanced.

Yours sincerely,

David Elliott MP  
**MINISTER FOR COUNTER TERRORISM**  
**MINISTER FOR CORRECTIONS**  
**MINISTER FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Mark Speakman SC MP  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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