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STATEMENT

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CONSULTATION OPEN FOR FRAUD SENTENCES REVIEW

Public submissions are now open for an independent review into sentencing laws for fraud offences in NSW.

I have asked the NSW Sentencing Council to conduct a [wide-ranging review](#) to ensure fraud-related sentencing laws remain fit for purpose and continue to reflect community expectations.

The Sentencing Council is calling for preliminary submissions that address the issues raised by the [terms of reference](#) published last week.

Now is the chance for any interested community member to make your voice heard by making submissions on the following questions:

- What factors should courts take into account when sentencing for fraud?
- Are the purposes and principles of sentencing being applied appropriately in sentencing for fraud? Why or why not?
- Are the maximum penalties for fraud offences under Part 4AA or other fraud offences adequate? Why, or why not?
- Are the sentences imposed by the courts for fraud offences under Part 4AA or other fraud offences adequate? Why or why not?
- Does sentencing for fraud appropriately respond to the needs of fraud victims?

Submissions are due by Friday 17 December 2021.

The review will focus on the offences of:

- Obtain property belonging to another by deception; and
 - Obtain financial advantage or cause financial disadvantage by deception,
- which make up the vast majority of finalised charges.

I thank the Sentencing Council for its important work and look forward to considering any recommendations for reform that it considers appropriate.

For more information on the review, visit the [Sentencing Council's website](#).