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TOUGH NEW CONDITIONS FOR PAROLED SEX OFFENDERS

Sex offenders released on parole will be forced to wear ankle bracelets so that they can be electronically monitored around the clock, as part of a series of sweeping changes being introduced by the NSW Government.

Minister for Corrections David Elliott said the reforms reflect the NSW Government's first priority of keeping the community safe.

"That is why we will be rolling out a series of changes to the way sex offenders are managed on parole," said Mr Elliott.

Following a review by Mr Elliott into a recent alleged attack in Kogarah, the Government will implement the following reforms:

- All breaches of sex or violent offenders' strict parole conditions that are not minor administrative breaches will be automatically reported to the SPA, which has the power to revoke parole and send them back to prison;
- All sex offender parole reports submitted to the SPA will be vetted by executive staff for better consistency, improved risk-management controls and to ensure community and victims' expectations are appropriately considered;
- Sex offenders, that meet the criteria under the Crimes High Risk Offenders Act, released on parole will be subject to electronic monitoring; and
- Corrective Services will work with NSW Police to identify any necessary improvements in intelligence and other information sharing, to better manage community-based offenders.

"All sex offenders will have their movements very closely monitored by NSW Corrective Services' security and intelligence branches. This is what the community expects and deserves," said Mr Elliott.

The tough new approach to breaches of parole conditions will apply to all sex or and violent offenders, in addition to the strict conditions that can already be imposed in relation to the offender's behaviour, housing, movements, communications, employment and other aspects of their life.

Corrective Services Commissioner Peter Severin said, "These changes enhance and strengthen our management of these offenders, making clear that community protection is our absolute priority."

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