

Domestic Violence Counselling Offer to South Australian prisoners

Offer awaiting acceptance

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, July 6, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- "International technology experts say effective domestic violence counselling could be securely available to the people in South Australian prison cells, although it is not currently available. The Community Justice Coalition (CJC) consulted with the world experts and prepared a [Report](#) for Correctional Services Minister Michael Brown and Chief Executive David Brown to help deal with the SA domestic violence problem," said the CJC President, the Hon John Dowd AO KC.



Domestic violence to stop

"There are currently 1500 SA prisoners being held for domestic violence but without effective counselling to negotiate with their families. Denying them access to external tele counselling in their cells is poor management. Such counselling would be effective as there is no conflict of interest with security, efficiently provided by services already funded, existing for them upon release, and emotionally supportive while they are held away from their normal social surroundings. The cost is miniscule and the benefits for everyone are enormous," said CJC Vice President Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans.

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International technology experts say effective domestic violence counselling could be securely available in South Australian prison cells, although currently is not, despite the shocking DV figures.”

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“Chief Executive David Brown, who is also the Acting President of the world leading prison authorities’ body the [ICPA](#), wasn't present at the Moroccan conference when the [UN/RedCross Handbook](#) on the Use of Technology in Prison Settings was launched. See our report, We formally

consulted the writers and world providers to ensure we had a full picture of developments,” said

Mr Dowd.

“The CJC met with the previous Minister Szakacs in 2022 to highlight the benefits of technology in cells, but security concerns blocked its acceptance at that stage. This equally applies to children in cells who cost South Australia a startling \$1.19 million each annually, with a recidivism rate of 42.7%. This context emphasises how negligible costs are and how enormous the benefits of external counselling are for everyone,” said Dr Chesterfield-Evans.

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