The NSW Government has passed tough and smart legislation to reform the criminal justice system and make communities safer.

**The four reforms are:**
1. Encouraging early appropriate guilty pleas
2. Stronger sentencing
3. Smarter management of parolees
4. Better management of high risk sex and violent offenders

**Who helped shape these reforms**

We have consulted with a range of representatives from victims’ advocacy groups (including domestic violence experts and Aboriginal stakeholders), law enforcement stakeholders, the judiciary and the legal profession.

**How we listened**

The reforms build on the recommendations of the NSW Law Reform Commission and the review of the High Risk Offenders Scheme, which involved extensive consultation.

Since the proposed reforms were announced in May 2017 we have also:

- Held roundtable discussions with large and small representative groups from across the criminal justice system.
- Met with victims of crimes and representatives to listen to their stories.
- Reviewed more than a hundred written submissions received throughout the consultation processes.

We acknowledge and thank participants for their insights, expertise and time. Feedback received has strengthened the reforms to ensure they are effective in reducing reoffending, protecting community safety and supporting victims.

As a result of consultation:

- The high risk offender scheme has been extended to include more sex offences committed under Commonwealth legislation.
- The State Parole Authority (SPA) must consider how an offender has or will address their offending behaviour when assessing the offender’s community safety risk.
- The reforms have maintained a strong focus on domestic violence offenders and on making supervised sentences tougher to ensure offenders are held to account.

**What else have we done?**

The NSW Government is working hard to implement changes to reduce reoffending and protect community safety. We have already:

- Strengthened counter terrorism laws.
- Enhanced the supervision of offenders through case management to identify and address causes of offending behaviour.
- Introduced new policies to encourage high risk sex and violent offenders to undertake programs to address their behaviour and reduce their risk of reoffending.
- Increased flexibility for the SPA to reconsider parole for some offenders, to ensure a period of structured supervision on release from prison.

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