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Services provided:

**Your 'PAL' -
'Positive Active
Lifestyles'**

A caring program for lonely frail or aged persons living in the Caboolture Parish & Community.

**Visitation
& Personal Transport**

Home visitation to the sick lonely aged and socially isolated.

**Hospitality
& Bereavement**

Catering for community gatherings, forums, workshops and public meetings; Funeral Teas - & Afternoon Teas following weddings.

Handyman Program
Limited Handyman assistance for people in genuine need.

Newcomers
Information and welcome to newcomers to the area.

**Care for Young
Families & Individuals**
Supportive care for young families and people.

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Committee Secretary
House of Representatives Standing Committee on
Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA QCT 2600

Dear Sir,

In response to a letter I received from Mr. Mal Brough (MP) Federal Member for Longman, may I write on only two of the Terms of Reference. I would like to write on more terms, but will confine myself to just two.

(g) Effectiveness of sentencing.

I have had a small experience with the attitudes of some prisoners, as I taught general mathematics to some inmates at Woodford jail for about five years, upon being requested to do so by TAFE College after I retired from teaching in Primary Schools. I became friendly with many, though I made sure I kept discreet distance from them. One feature that came through clearly was the effect of crime environment. Almost all went back after serving their prison terms to where they had been before and just returned to crime. A few I discreetly encouraged to "move away" or "go west", were, to my knowledge, much more successful in not re-offending. Maybe, Magistrates and others in authority could help in some ways to encourage at least small-time criminals to try different environments after their sentences have expired.

(h) Community safety and policing.

I do feel that Neighbourhood Watch Committees would be more effective if financial help could be made available in some form, e.g. in paying Secretaries or similar help to ensure that the Neighbourhood Watch Group functions more consistently and effectively.

These are just two ideas for your consideration. I hope they can help in some small manner with the considerations of the Standing Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Byrne

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OUR VISION

To be a caring and Christian organisation, responding to the needs of the local community with compassion, understanding and practical assistance.