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Dear

**YOUR CHILDREN'S COURT MATTER**

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|  | **Born on:**  |

Your matter was listed before . appeared for Community Services, appeared for , and appeared as the Independent Legal Representative (“ILR”) for . (The ILR represents the children’s best interests). I appeared on your behalf.

I have **enclosed** the Care Plans filed by Community Services on :

1. Care Plan for ;
2. Care Plan for .

A Care Plan tells the Court what Community Services thinks the long term arrangements for the children should be. This includes who they think should make decisions for the children, where they think the children should live, who they should have contact with and how much contact the children will have with people including yourself. We get the chance to tell the Court whether we agree or disagree with the Care Plan.

Community Services said that they did not think that there was a realistic possibility of restoration of the children to you. They were concerned that:

1. Set out FACS reasons.

You told me that

1. You do not agree to the Care Plans;

**Court Outcome**

 made the following orders:

1. Your matter is listed for a Dispute Resolution Conference at on
2. You must attend Court on .

**Dispute Resolution Conference**

A Dispute Resolution Conference is a meeting between you, Community Services,  lawyer and any other parties. It’s an opportunity for everyone to sit down and talk about care. The aim is to reach an agreement. The agreement might include things like where will live, how much contact you and other people should have with , and any services that you should attend. I will be there to represent you.

Except in very limited circumstances what is said in the Dispute Resolution Conference is confidential and anything discussed in this conference cannot be used against you in proceedings.

The confidentiality of a Dispute Resolution Conference gives everyone the capacity to negotiate freely about what they think is best for the in the long term.

You should arrive at the Court building for this event no later than on **.**

**What is the Next Step?**

You must file any further material with the Court by **.**

I have made an appointment for you to attend my office as follows:

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Place:**

Please contact me on if you are unable to attend your appointment or if you have any questions about this letter.

Yours sincerely

Solicitor

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