**Written Instructions**

I, , of have received the following advice from my solicitor, , of Legal Aid NSW:

1. It is unlikely that the Court will order that live with me for the following reasons:
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2. If the matter goes to hearing and I am cross examined, I understand that the Court may make negative findings (decisions) about my case and my evidence will be recorded.
3. If the Court says negative things about me, this may make it hard for me to get

 back in the future.

1. If I agree to the Care Plan, the Court will not make a decision about whether

 should live with me. The Court is will not make negative findings about me.

1. I can bring an application to change the Orders in the future. I will need to ask the Children’s Court for permission to do this and be able to prove that there has been a *significant* change in circumstances since the last Orders were made.
2. In considering variations to existing orders, the Children's Court will look at the following:

*Most Important Things:*

* 1. The length of time that the child/ren have been with their carer and whether these arrangements are stable;
	2. What would be the least intrusive intervention in the life of the child/ren and whether that would be in their best interests;
	3. The wishes of the child/ren or young person and how much weight these views should be given.

*Additional Things:*

* 1. Ages of the child/ren;
	2. What I am asking for;
	3. My plans for the child/ren;
	4. Whether I have a good case;
	5. What the Court reports have said about how things are going.
1. I will be in a better position to proceed with an application to seek that

 live with me once I have:

1. I have considered my solicitor’s advice. I instruct my solicitor that:
	1. I do not want to have a hearing and ask for the child/ren to live with me right now.
	2. I consent that there is no realistic possibility of restoration of the child/ren to my care at this time.

OR

* 1. I understand the advice my solicitor has given me. I do not agree that there is no realistic possibility of restoration of the to my care at this time. I want to tell the Court that the should be with me. I want to go to a hearing.

This document was read to me by my solicitor, .

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