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David Elliott
Minister for Corrections
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister,

Re: Parklea Transfer

I write to you on behalf of the *Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU NSW)* and refer to the NSW Government's recent announcement regarding the tender process for the future operation of Parklea Correctional Centre.

As you would be aware, the CPSU NSW proudly represents prison staff employed by the GEO Group at the Parklea Centre while our state counterpart, the Public Service Association of NSW, has long represented the interests of corrective services workers employed across the public sector.

You would appreciate that the Government's decision to exclude the GEO Group from the second phase of the tendering process has been deeply unsettling for the many hundreds of staff who depend on employment with the company.

While we have been critical of the GEO Group for the way it has run the Parklea complex, this has never been a criticism of the hard working prison staff. Our criticism has been directed at the company's safety and security record, its staffing and resourcing models, and ultimately its ability to deliver on the rehabilitation goals of the centre's inmate population.

In our view, where good results have been achieved at the centre it has been in spite of the company's risky, profit-driven attitude and, more often than not, because of the professionalism and dedication of staff.

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The CPSU NSW is the Federal Counterpart of the Public Service Association of NSW. CPSU NSW members are also members of the PSA.

We believe all GEO Group staff at Parklea who wish to remain in employment should be given that assurance as the facility transfers to a new provider.

Given the significance of the Government's decision and the implications it has for staff and the continuing operation of the centre, we respectfully seek a meeting with you to discuss these issues at your earliest convenience.

I thank you for your attention to this matter. I can be contacted on 9220 0982 or via email at twright@psa.asn.au in order to arrange a convenient time to meet.

Yours faithfully,



Troy Wright

ASSISTANT STATE BRANCH SECRETARY