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Mr Peter Severin
Commissioner
Corrective Services NSW
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Dear Commissioner,

I refer to your letter of 28 January 2015. The PSA welcomes your commitment to assist with matters related to Workers Compensation and other issues raised by the Prison Officers Vocational Branch (POVB). The PSA is prepared to assist in trying to resolve issues arising from the increase in prisoner numbers.

In order to move forward, the Executive of the POVB requests an Extraordinary Meeting of the POVB Management Committee for urgent discussions with CSNSW. We seek a commitment that this face to face meeting will be arranged and funded by the Department as soon as possible.

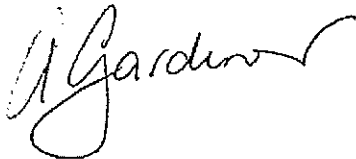
To make this meeting more productive and to facilitate discussions, it would be appreciated if you could supply, prior to the meeting, more detailed information on:

- what locations will be effected (courts and centres);
- specific numbers proposed for each centre/court location;
- specific details for revised staffing numbers for each centre/court location;
- whether additional posts will be offered as permanent positions to either existing casual staff or officers from the transfer list;
- pursuant to paragraph four of your letter, details of exactly what administrative actions the Department is prepared to undertake in order to guarantee staff safety and provide adequate support to injured staff in this increasingly volatile environment;
- risk assessments for the changes in each centre/court location which include a PSA representative;
- what steps the Department have undertaken to have the centres, specifically Grafton and Kirkonnell that have been mothballed and downsized, upgraded and recommissioned.

The discussions with the Department also need to include how bed allocations within current facilities can be done without placing our members at further risk.

The PSA acknowledges your commitment to review the Workers Compensation issues and the needs of our members. Whilst the PSA is committed to participating in this process, we seek further discussions on how this could lead to positive outcomes for our members and a guarantee that this will not limit any future discussion in relation to the Workers Compensation coverage for our members.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Gardiner', written in a cursive style.

**ANNE GARDINER
GENERAL SECRETARY**

29 January 2015