



5 May 2004

Ms Vicki Buchbach Committee Manager Parliament of New South Wales Macquarie Street SYDNEY NSW 2000.

Re: INQUIRY INTO VALUE FOR MONEY FROM NSW CORECTIONAL CENTRES

Dear Ms Buchbach,

Please find attached information to assist your inquiry.

Our committee feels that it is not in a position to comment on differences between public correctional centres and those operated by corrective services, due to not having access to information we would require.

What we can comment on is the value of the correctional facility in Junee to the Junee community and the surrounding area.

GEO has developed a strong working relationship with Junee Shire Council and community groups. The correctional centre provides local organizations with support required to implement and maintain community projects and to conduct special events every year. The centre provides daily support to the local council to maintain the town's public spaces and places of significant cultural and historical value. Community projects include:

Maintenance of town footpaths, Construction of Footpaths, Junee Wetlands Project, Junee Monumental Cemetery, Railway Station Beautification, Support for Sporting associations including football-cricket-soccer-rodeo and Charity events, Maintenance of Approach Roads to Junee, Australia Day Fun Run, Australia Day Awards, Maintenance to Church and School grounds, Maintenance and improvement to the aged facilities, Maintenance to Junee Golf and Bowling Clubs, Construction of equipment for Schools and Community use, Landcare Planting, Special Projects for Cubs and Scouts, Provision of financial support for local athletes.

Junee development and general appearance has been greatly enhanced through the invaluable contribution of the Junee Correctional Centre.

The attached documentation is testimony to the above comments.

Yours sincerely,

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