

INQUIRY INTO PARKLEA CORRECTIONAL CENTRE AND OTHER OPERATIONAL ISSUES

Organisation: NSW Council for Pacific Communities

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RE: TESTIMONIAL

To Whom It May Concern

My name is Mal Fruean and I am the chair of the NSW Council for Pacific Communities (NSWCPC) established in 2003 as a peak body for collaborative work across the Pacific Communities in NSW. The NSWCPC was formed as a result of the NSW Government's Pacific Youth Partnership. This body was then established with the advice of Pacific community leaders and representatives by the Community Relations Commission (now Multicultural NSW) that continue to provide valuable and sound advice to the members of the NSWCPC council throughout its leadership since inception.

On behalf of NSWCPC I am pleased to provide this testimonial for GEO Parklea Correctional Centre. Over the past 8 years we have worked alongside Parklea Correctional Centre providing support for programs inside the center and an outreach post release program. We acknowledge the great work GEO do both within the center and the community. The pathways they provide for the men in collaboration with not only us but many other services, through cultural community leaders and providing access to employment networks, mentorship, support and collaboration for special events such as ANZAC Day, Cultural Days Christmas Toy Drive are just a few of the programs we support. The NSW Council for Pacific Communities (NSWCPC) is very proud of our collaboration with GEO Parklea Correctional Centre and will continue to provide our support.

We recognise the effort made to serve the community and the inmates and operations at Parklea CC. Their services, cultural engagement and expertise that GEO Parklea CC provide for the men is reason that we do not hesitate to endorse the work of the management and staff, by providing this testimonial. As an organisation we the NSW Council for Pacific Communities represent the following;

- The interests of Pacific communities to Government
- Help to develop projects to benefit Pacific communities
- Aims are to enhance trust and understanding
- Encourage community capacity building
- Build and develop collaborative partnerships
- Enabling communication across community and Government sectors.
- Advocacy and Networking
- Support Pacific organisations and groups in NSW

We wish GEO Parklea Correctional Centre all the best and we look forward to our continued collaborative partnership for the betterment of our communities who now call NSW home. Feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Warm regards

Mal Fruean
Chairperson NSW Council for Pacific Communities