

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PARKLEA CORRECTIONAL CENTRE AND OTHER OPERATIONAL ISSUES

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this statement in my capacity as director & CEO of Providential Homes, I have worked in partnership with GEO at Parklea over the last 5 years, providing support and mentoring to inmates in Area 4 prior to their release from Corrections. This program has been running successfully with the support of management and staff of GEO, over the last 3 years. The mentoring program includes both a pre & post release program for inmates. A weekly visit to Area 4 involves a presence in the yard discussing various needs including accommodation, relationships, & employment post release. Outcomes have been very significant with Providential Homes facilitating long term solutions for men who would be deemed homeless after leaving custody.

Providential Homes has also been a part of the Community Consultation Committee that meets on a bi monthly basis at the Correctional centre. The meeting chaired by the General Manager provides an excellent opportunity for community consultation and participation.

Providential Homes has been a part of a pilot day release program where inmates have been involved in the working in the community as part of the charity at our warehouse. We also offer opportunities for them to pay off State Debt Fines under work development orders program.

Providential Homes finds it a pleasure to work with management and staff. We have always found them to be very professional, supportive and open to new initiatives. For the last 2 years we have been given opportunities to distribute a Christmas gift to every inmate in Parklea on Christmas Day.

It is a pleasure to write this statement on behalf of Providential Homes & GEO. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,
Warren Weir

Director