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Sent: Thursday, 28 May 2015 1:05 PM
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Subject: FW: Coroners findings

Dave,

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FYI... Something to be aware off.

Makes reference to hanging points in Borallon.

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/crowding-in-queensland-prisons-could-lead-to-more-suicides-coroner-20150528-ghbgng.html>

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Attachments: JAG-#2867913-v1-20150505
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Dave,

In the end the changes that Minister Miller's Office made to the version that you endorsed were minor and superficial (i.e. order of paras etc), no need to re-approve.

Copy attached FYI.

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Proposed for release: 12 May 2015 (subject to CBRC approval)
Proposed release: Ministerial

Notes:

- 1. The following content is intended for consideration by CBRC as an attachment only to the CBRC submission ie. approval is being sought for that purpose only, rather than public release through the media.*
- 2. It is anticipated that the final form of the proposed media release would be attributed to, and released by, the Corrective Services Minister. The format would be modified to reflect that attribution.*
- 3. Working headline added by Communication Services Branch.*

Borallon to be recommissioned as best-practice prison

Borallon Correctional Centre will be recommissioned as a secure custodial correctional centre, the Queensland Government announced today.

The Queensland Government has given the green light to re-opening the facility in order to address the systemic overcrowding over the past three years.

Prisoner numbers surged by more than 28 per cent between March 2012 and March 2015, straining existing infrastructure, efficiency and staff safety.

The Queensland Government has taken this action to ensure staff and community safety and the safe operation of our prisons.

Borallon Correctional Centre will provide 492 additional beds for male prisoners, reducing the pressure on the state's prison system brought about by the rapid increase in prisoner numbers over the past three years.

The centre will be operated by Queensland Corrective Services and commence receiving prisoners in early 2016.

The invitation to offer to operate the centre, which closed in December 2014, has been cancelled and those who submitted offers have been advised of the decision.

Recruitment for the necessary staff has commenced and will focus on employing people from the local area.

The facility will feature leading employment, training and re-integration programs to get youthful prisoners lives back on track and break the cycle of crime.

Fewer than 15 per cent of prisoners who come to prison before the age of 21 have reached a grade 12 level education.

The Borallon Correctional Centre will focus on curbing offenders harmful behaviours while providing meaningful opportunities for pro-social development.

Ensuring prisoners do not return to custody will be an important focus for the Queensland Government.

Giving prisoners a chance to turn their lives around by improving their chances of finding employment is one of the best ways to make the community safer and turn offenders into productive citizens.

The correctional centre will partner with local community providers to develop and deliver these programs.

A priority will be best-practice offender management with security and the safety of prisoners and staff as the foundation.

Queensland has had two privately operated prisons since the early 1990s.

The two privately operated prisons are Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre and Southern Queensland Correctional Centre.

There is no need to expand private prison operations beyond the two current providers.

The Report on Government Services 2015 shows that Queensland has the lowest prisoner cost per day of any jurisdiction in Australia at \$180.29 per prisoner per day, well below the Australian average of \$218.90 per prisoner per day.

The result is mainly due to a combination of the efficiency of Queensland's prison design, which has been replicated by other States and Territories, and overcrowding.

As at 21 April 2015, there were 838 cells with prisoners in doubled-up placements in Queensland.

This means up to 1,676 prisoners were sharing cells designed to accommodate a single prisoner.

A standard secure cell is 2.1 metres wide and 4 metres in depth, including a single bed, desk, shower and toilet area.

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