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CPSU NSW push job security and better pay in Parklea EBA log

The CPSU NSW has targeted job security and better pay as key bargaining issues in what is expected to be difficult negotiations with the GEO Group.

The claims were developed from feedback we received from our member survey, and were delivered to management representative on Wednesday, 14 March. Click <u>HERE</u> for a copy.

In addition to bargaining, the CPSU NSW is also meeting with Corrective Services Minister, David Elliott, on Monday 19 March to discuss the Government decision to exclude the GEO Group from further participation in the tendering process for Parklea Correctional Centre. Click <u>HERE</u> for a copy of our letter to Minister Elliott.

We will be asking the Minister to protect the employment of GEO staff as operation of the centre transfers to a new company. While the CPSU NSW has been critical of the GEO Group for the way it has run the centre, it has never been critical of the hard-working operational and support staff. Our criticism has been directed at the company's safety and security record, its staffing and resourcing models, and ultimately its ability to deliver on the rehabilitation goals of the centre's inmate population.

In our view, where good results have been achieved at the centre, it has been in spite of the company's risky, profit-driven agenda and, more often than not, because of the professionalism and dedication of staff.

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