

5 April 2023

Mr Troy Wright
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Dear Mr Wright

Thank you for your letter dated 29 March 2023 about the status of negotiations for a new agreement for Correctional Officers at Parklea.

It is appreciated that the CPSU is committed to the bargaining process, as is MTC. I can also confirm that I am regularly up-dated about the status of bargaining at Parklea, including what is termed in your letter the CPSU counter-offer, and which appears to narrow the issues in dispute. However, as has been previously conveyed to the CPSU, the counter offer is not a financially viable position for MTC notwithstanding recent protected industrial action. For that reason MTC cannot accept the CPSU counter offer.

To the extent your letter expresses confidence in its position if assistance is sought from the Fair Work Commission, it is open to the CPSU to apply to the Commission for it to deal with a bargaining dispute. However, we note that the Commission's power in a bargaining dispute at this time remains limited to conciliation, other than where the parties agree that it may arbitrate. MTC reserves its rights in the event of any Commission proceedings.

In the above circumstances MTC invites the CPSU to re-consider with its members the previous MTC offer with an aim of finalising an agreement on that basis.

Yours sincerely



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Managing Director