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PRISONERS' LEGAL SERVICE INC

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INFORMATION BROADSHEET FOR PRISONERS OF QUEENSLAND
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WHAT CAN WE HELP WITH?

Prisoners' Legal Service (PLS) can provide assistance in relation to three broad areas:

1. Safe Way Home (Parole Assistance)

Our Safe Way Home team primarily assists eligible prisoners with drafting parole applications. In a limited number of circumstances, we may be able to assist eligible prisoners in making submissions to the parole boards.

2. Casework (Prison Law)

This service provides advice to all prisoners on all prison law related matters. However, advice cannot be provided in relation to prisoner on prisoner matters. We can provide advice on matters including breaches of discipline, security classification, safety orders, transfers, parole refusals, accommodation of children with mothers, and mandatory visa cancellations.

PLS only practices in administrative law. We are unable to provide advice on any other area of law. This means that we CANNOT provide assistance with criminal matters or family law issues.

3. Financial Counselling (Debt)

Our financial counsellor assists prisoners in custody as well as individuals who have recently been released from prison with services including: information on credit and debt, information about rights and responsibilities in relation to debt, and advocacy with financial institutions on behalf of prisoners in debt. This may be in relation to SPER debt, victims of crime compensation, child supports, or other financial matters.

HOW TO CONTACT PLS:

You can contact PLS through our Prisoner Telephone Advice Line available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 1pm. Please be patient, our phone lines can be very busy as we take calls from all over Queensland.

Alternatively, you can write to PLS at our **new postal address**:

Prisoners' Legal Service, GPO Box 257, Brisbane QLD 4001

Instructions to call PLS:

1. Enter your CIS number
2. Enter your own pin
3. Press * (star)
4. Press # (hash)
5. Press 0 then 5

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WHEN YOU CAN SEE PLS:

Mandatory Visa Cancellation Information Sessions

PLS will be providing group information sessions on mandatory visa cancellation. Information discussed will include:

- How mandatory visa cancellation laws works
- How prisoners can challenge the cancellation decision so they can stay in Australia
- Providing information on resettlement agencies/consulates who can help them if they are deported

These sessions are as follows:

- Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre: Friday 7 October
- Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre: Monday 17 October
- Woodford Correctional Centre: Monday 24 October

Northern Prison Visits

PLS will be routinely visiting prisons in Northern Queensland. Our next visits include:

- Townsville Correctional Complex: Tuesday 18 October to Friday 21 October
- Capricornia Correctional Centre: Wednesday 16 November to Friday 18 November

BECOME A PLS MEMBER

You can support PLS by becoming a member. You do not have to be a PLS member to access our services. Our members receive the newsletters and reports we produce. If you want to become a member, it costs \$5.50 per year for prisoners. To apply for membership, please return this form with a cheque from the trusts account department to: Prisoners Legal Service, GPO Box 257, Brisbane QLD 4001

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