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# PRISONERS' LEGAL SERVICE INC

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## SAFE WAY HOME PROGRAM

Firstly, on behalf of Prisoners' Legal Service (PLS), I would like to wish all our members, clients and prisoners in Queensland the very best for 2017. We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

The Safe Way Home Program provides assistance to eligible prisoners to draft parole applications and in making submissions to the parole boards. As we are a small team based in Brisbane and a large number of people need assistance, we have criteria to ensure we are providing the right level of assistance to each person. This means we can assist more people with their parole matters.

We can help to draft (write up) your application with you if:

- You cannot read or write;
- You have difficulty speaking English;
- You have an intellectual disability or a physical disability;
- You have mental health issues;
- You are serving a life sentence;
- You are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
- You are a woman.

If you do not fit into one of these target groups, we are still able to assist by providing you with our Parole Assistance Kit or Breach of Parole Kit. We also provide a proof reading and written feedback service via post if your literacy is sound and you would like to access our service this way.

If you have attempted to contact us on our legal advice lines on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and cannot get through, please keep trying or write to us if you are able. Our postal address is: GPO Box 257 Brisbane QLD 4001.

## SAFE WAY HOME PROGRAM, PAROLE ASSISTANCE AT BRISBANE WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

Kate Black from the Safe Way Home Program has commenced regular visits to the Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre to assist women with parole matters. I would like to meet with women who are approaching their parole eligibility date, women who need to reapply for parole or who may need advice on breaches of parole.

There has been a large demand for this service already and I will be seeing everyone who has put their name down as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience with this and I look forward to working with you.

To be seen, women can request to have their name placed on the list with the Counselling team.

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## SAFE WAY HOME NORTHERN VISITS FOR 2017

The Safe Way Home Program will be visiting the following prisons over the next few months to provide assistance to prisoners with parole matters. Posters will be put up in the Centres the week prior to our arrival so people can put their names down.

Centre	Visit Dates
Lotus Glen Correctional Centre	15/03/17
	16/03/17
Lotus Glen Correctional Centre Farm	17/03/17
Townsville Correctional Centre	18/04/17
Townsville Women's Correctional Centre	19/04/17
Townsville Women's Correctional Centre Farm	20/04/17
Townsville Men's Correctional Centre Farm	21/04/17
Capricornia Correctional Centre	21/06/17
	22/06/17
Capricornia Correctional Centre Farm	23/06/17

## OTHER PLS SERVICES

In addition to the Safe Way Home program, PLS can assist prisoners with financial counselling and prison law matters.

**Financial Counselling** – our financial counsellor can provide assistance in relation to SPER debt, child support, bankruptcy, credit and debt issues, utilities and bills, rental or mortgage arrears, among other things.

**Casework** – our casework solicitor can provide advice to all prisoners on prison law matters. This may include breaches of discipline, security classifications, safety orders, transfers, or parole refusals and legal action that can be taken.

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