



# PRISONERS' LEGAL SERVICE INC

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## The NEW breach of parole process

The parole board will generally make three decisions during the breach of parole process. The first two decisions happen quickly. The third decision takes more time and is only made once you are given the chance to have your say.

### Decision 1

- A parole board member can urgently suspend your parole order without telling you. A warrant is issued and Queensland Police will arrest you



### Decision 2

- The full parole board must reconsider the urgent parole suspension within 2 business days
- The parole board must decide whether to suspend your parole order or release you back into the community
- If the parole board suspends your parole order, they must write to you. They must tell you why your parole was suspended and ask you to explain the breach in writing within 21 days
- The letter from the parole board will not be given to you as soon as you arrive in prison. It can take a couple of weeks to arrive



### Decision 3

- The parole board must consider what you write to them about your breach and make a new decision
- The parole board can decide to release you, suspend your parole order OR cancel your parole order



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## Suspended parole?

A parole suspension generally means the parole board are waiting for more information before making a final decision.

If the parole board are waiting for information, they will reconsider their decision when they receive the information they are waiting for.

There is no legal time frame for the parole board to make a final decision about your parole suspension.

## Cancelled parole?

A parole cancellation means the parole board are not releasing you back onto your parole order.

If you receive a parole cancellation, you can re-apply for release on parole by submitting a Form 29 through sentence management.

The parole board have 4 months to make a decision about whether to grant you a new parole order. This can be extended to 5 months if the parole board need more time.

## New charges?

If you are *charged* with an offence while on parole, your parole order can be suspended.

If you are *convicted* of an offence that took place while you were on parole and you receive a prison sentence, your parole will be automatically cancelled.

If you receive bail on new charges but your parole has been suspended, you will not be released from custody. The parole board should consider your individual situation but they can still suspend your parole order even if you have been granted bail.

## PLS Christmas Closure

PLS IS CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS FROM 22 DECEMBER 2017.

WE RE-OPEN ON 8 JANUARY 2018.

OUR TELEPHONE ADVICE LINE WILL NOT BE OPERATING FROM 18 DECEMBER 2017.

IT WILL START RUNNING AGAIN FROM 8 JANUARY 2018.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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