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Community Coalition on Corrections

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Ms Katy Gallagher Minister for Health GPO Box 1020 CANBERRA, ACT 2601

Dear Ms Gallagher,

The Corrections Coalition has long been concerned that community services need to be co-ordinated to ensure the Government's objectives for the new prison of rehabilitation are met. Since the achievement of this objective involves the co-ordination of after care and other services beyond the responsibility of Corrections we have sent the attached letter to the Chief Minister.

I am forwarding you a copy of it given the central importance in this context of your responsibility for the Adult Corrections Health Services Plan and the particular importance of a coordinated policy response to cope with the very high level of mental health and substance abuse needs among detainees. I am also forwarding a copy to the Minister for Corrections of our letter to the Chief Minister.

Yours sincerely,

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