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Attorney-General  
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Dear Mr Corbell,

Thank you for the invitation for the ACT Community Coalition on Corrections to be a member of the Alexander Maconochie Centre's Community Reference Group.

At its meeting on Tuesday 21 February 2008 the Coalition favourably considered your invitation but did express some concern about the terms of reference and the proposed membership of the Reference Group. I note in your letter you said the ACT Prison Community Panel which produced the report 'An ACT Prison – Getting it Right' proved to be a very useful source document. That report had this to say about a community advisory board:

*"The Panel's view is that when the prison becomes operational, it is important that a Prison Advisory Board should be established. The Board would represent community interests in the prison development and operation.*

*It is anticipated that the Board would meet regularly and have a statutory base. The Prison Advisory Board would report directly to the Minister."*

Can you please advise if it is intended that the community advisory board will have a statutory base and/or report directly to the Minister, but in any event can you also advise of the terms of reference for this board. The Coalition, before it makes a specific nomination, will also be particularly interested in your expected outcomes for the board and the specific composition of the board including officials and community organisations representatives.

On receipt of this additional information I will advise you of the Coalition's nominated representative.

Yours faithfully

Kiki Korpinen  
Chair

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