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Dear Mr Hayes

Proposed changes to Corrective Services NSW and impact on Justice Health.

I am writing to provide you with an update on changes being proposed by Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) that will have an impact on Justice Health and Justice Health workers.

CSNSW has been reviewing facilities to ensure they are fit for purpose, meet operational requirements, and can ensure the safety of staff and patients, as part of its 'Prison Bed Effectiveness Program'. As a result, a decision was recently made to:

- close four Victorian era wings at Goulburn Correctional Centre
- transition Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre into a 30-bed female intake and reception centre.

While these changes are not expected to come into effect until September 2026, we have been working hard to understand the impacts on our services and people. Critically, these changes are still under consultation with Corrective Services workers, and there is no certainty about the changes that will occur.

With the information we have presently, we do not believe that any proposed changes will result in a reduction of Justice health roles. However, there may be some need to redeploy workers to other sites within the Justice Health network. While this is a difficult but necessary step, we are and will be taking all reasonable measures to minimise the impact on any affected employees, including redeployment into suitable roles.

We are actively identifying and promoting internal redeployment opportunities for workers who may be impacted by the proposed changes. Several new and existing roles across the organisation are expected to align with the skills and experience of our existing employees.

Decisions regarding patient movements have not yet been finalised by CSNSW, but it is expected that there will be flow on impacts on other centres. Further information is available in the attachment : Attachment 3 - [frequently asked questions](#).

I appreciate there are still many unanswered questions, and I want to assure you that we are continuing to work closely with CSNSW to obtain clearer direction as soon as possible.

Increased consultation with the Goulburn and Silverwater Women's teams, and with the Health Services Union will also occur as information arises to ensure they are informed and supported throughout this process. We will also ensure that regular updates and information are provided as part of the Joint Consultative Committee.

We welcome advocacy from you, and to ensure workers are well supported through this transition. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any feedback or questions, and/or to coordinate access to workers who may be impacted by these proposed changes.

We will provide further updates as soon as more information becomes available.

Your sincerely

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