

Media Release

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GEO CARE TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE ACROSS VICTORIAN PRISONS

The GEO Group Australia is proud to announce that its subsidiary GEO Care Australia has been selected after a competitive tender process to deliver primary healthcare services to over 3400 prisoners in all of the publicly-managed prisons in Victoria from 1 July 2012. The contract has a maximum duration of nine years.

In a first for Australia, the Victorian Government through Justice Health (Department of Justice) embarked on a major procurement project to outsource the primary health services for all the state's public prisons to a single provider.

A key aspect of GEO Care's delivery model is a regional delivery strategy that helps sustain local community healthcare resources in rural towns.

GEO Care Australia also drew on the innovation and expertise of its US-based parent company, The GEO Group Inc, which delivers residential treatment services to 2000 patients in six facilities and correctional services including healthcare to over 70,000 prisoners.

"Justice Health is looking to the future through this procurement and want to see community healthcare standards and outcomes for the prisoners in their care — a group characterised by extensive health care needs," said GEO Care Australia's general manager John Hoogeveen.

"Significantly, the period of incarceration offers a substantial opportunity to improve a prisoner's health before he or she is released back into the community.

"The services provided by GEO Care Australia will be delivered to the highest standards of reporting and accountability set by Justice Health and I am immensely proud to be leading a healthcare team that is qualified, experienced and absolutely committed to delivering against these expectations."

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The GEO Group Australia's managing director Pieter Bezuidenhout added: "As a leading correctional service provider, GEO has been well established in Victoria since 1995 with a solid track record of close partnership with Department of Justice and Justice Health. We now look forward to extending this partnership to deliver quality health outcomes for the prisoners entrusted to our care."

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About GEO Care Australia

GEO Care Australia is Australia's largest outsourced correctional healthcare provider. Operating across all of Victoria's publicly managed prisons, GEO Care Australia provides primary healthcare services to over 3400 prisoners. GEO Care Australia manages a diverse and dispersed workforce of healthcare professionals across metropolitan and rural Victoria.

About The GEO Group Australia

The GEO Group Australia is Australia's largest provider of outsourced correctional services. With 1,500 employees, The GEO Group Australia provides safe and secure services to the Victorian, New South Wales and Queensland Governments through the management of correctional centres and the provision of primary health care services. GEO delivers critical public services that are cost effective and represent value for money for the taxpayer. With security and public safety as a priority, The GEO Group Australia intervenes with the 3,500 offenders in our care to reduce reoffending and prevent the community becoming victims of crime. The GEO Group Australia is part of The GEO Group, Inc. the world's largest international provider of outsourced correctional services, with over 80,000 offenders and 116 facilities under management across four continents. For further information please visit www.thegeogroupinc.com.au

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