



Media release

The Hon Edward O'Donohue MLC

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Building a safer Victoria – preferred respondent chosen for new Ravenhall prison

- **GEO Consortium chosen for Ravenhall**
- **Victorian Coalition Government building the new prison Labor failed to build**
- **Napthine Government building a safer Victoria**

The GEO Consortium is the preferred respondent for the Ravenhall prison project, Minister for Corrections Edward O'Donohue announced today.

“This is a significant milestone for the Victorian justice system,” Mr O'Donohue said.

“This project will deliver a new, modern correctional facility and drive a stronger justice system by helping to ease demand on the state's corrections system.

“It also represents a much-needed investment in mental health services and will more than double the number of specialist beds available to prisoners with mental health issues.

“While supporting a safer Victoria, the new prison will also drive investment in Melbourne and will create more than 650 jobs during the construction phase and 600 ongoing jobs once the prison is in operation.

“Let's not forget this was the prison that, according to the Auditor-General, Labor was told three times to build and three times failed to do so. It's taken a Coalition Government to get this done and address Labor's shameful legacy of neglect.”

Features of the new prison include:

- capacity for 1,000 medium-security male prisoners;
- a 75-bed specialist forensic mental health unit; and
- enhanced pre and post-release programs and services to reduce reoffending.

Mr O'Donohue said that through a public-private partnership, the Napthine Government will drive the best possible outcome for the state both in terms of value for money and innovative service delivery.

“This decision is the result of a rigorous and comprehensive evaluation and review process and we are confident the GEO Consortium will deliver a modern, innovative facility that will bring significant benefits to the state.

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“The Napthine Government is finalising negotiations with the GEO Consortium and expects to execute the contract later this year, with construction to commence in early 2015,” Mr O’Donohue said.

The lead parties within the GEO Consortium are:

- GEO Group Australia;
- John Holland;
- Honeywell; and
- Capella Capital.

Mr O’Donohue said that the Napthine Government is continuing to drive the largest prison expansion in the state’s history to support the growing prisoner population.

“Since the start of 2011, more than 1,500 new beds have opened throughout the Victorian prison system, with more than 2,600 beds now in the pipeline.”

The local community is playing an important role in the prison’s development, with a community advisory group established to enable local input into the planning of the facility.

As the project has been deemed a Strategic Project under the Victorian Industry Participation Project (VIIPP), the GEO Consortium is required to source at least 85 per cent of materials and services locally.

GEO Consortium

The GEO Consortium includes the GEO Group Australia, John Holland, Honeywell, Capella Capital and GEO Care. Key alliance partners include the Kangan Institute, YMCA, Western Suburbs Indigenous Gathering Place Association, Melbourne City Mission and Forensicare.

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THE GEO GROUP SELECTED AS PREFERRED TENDERER FOR DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF NEW 1,000-BED RAVENHALL PRISON IN AUSTRALIA

Boca Raton, Fla. – August 4, 2014 -- The GEO Group (NYSE: GEO) (“GEO”) announced today that a GEO led consortium comprised of GEO’s wholly-owned subsidiary, The GEO Group Australia Pty. Ltd. (“GEO Australia”), John Holland Construction, and Honeywell has been selected as the preferred tenderer by the Department of Justice in the State of Victoria for the development and operation of a new 1,000-bed Prison (the “Facility”) in Ravenhall, a locality near Melbourne, Australia.

Following a final contract award, GEO expects to begin the development of the Facility in 2015 under a Public-Private Partnership financing structure with an equity investment from GEO of approximately 20% of the project following the activation of the Facility, and with returns on investment consistent with GEO’s company-owned facilities. GEO Australia would operate the Facility under a 25-year contract with Corrections Victoria upon its completion in late 2017. The Facility will provide unprecedented levels of in-prison and post-release programs aimed at reducing reoffending rates and helping offenders reintegrate into society.

George C. Zoley, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of GEO, said: “The selection of our GEO Australia subsidiary as preferred tenderer for this important project represents a significant milestone for our company. The new Ravenhall Facility will provide an unprecedented level of rehabilitation and community reentry programs through our ‘GEO Continuum of Care.’”

“We appreciate the trust placed in our Company by the State of Victoria, which is a testament to the efficient and innovative management initiatives and the quality of rehabilitation and reentry programs our company has proposed for the Ravenhall Facility as well as a reflection of our long-standing partnership with Corrections Victoria through the provision of high quality services at the Fulham Correctional Centre and the Fulham Nalu Challenge Community Unit. We are looking forward to working with Corrections Victoria to further improve the delivery of rehabilitation and community reentry services in the State of Victoria and to strengthen our 17-year partnership,” Zoley added.

The GEO Group, Inc. (NYSE: GEO) is the first fully integrated equity real estate investment trust specializing in the design, financing, development, and operation of correctional, detention, and community reentry facilities around the globe. GEO is the world’s leading provider of diversified correctional, detention, community reentry, and electronic monitoring services to government agencies worldwide with operations in the United States, Australia, South Africa, and the United Kingdom. GEO’s worldwide operations include the ownership and/or management of 98 facilities totaling approximately 78,500 beds, including projects under development, with a growing workforce of approximately 18,000 professionals.

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