

A.C.T Prisoners Consultation

"We are receiving information from prisoners and their families that seem to contradict the position the Chief Minister says he has received from prisoners. This makes the need for consultation with the community even more pertinent." said Brett Collins, a spokesperson for Jail Free ACT.

Jail Free A.C.T has today written to all A.C.T prisoners asking them their views on the proposed construction of the \$130 million Alexander Maconochie Jail and pointing out the anticipated increased use of imprisonment.

"It is essential in the formation of public positions that the people most affected by a change are consulted, in this case, prisoners. The prisoners' community has not been involved in the consultation." said Brett Collins, a spokesperson for Jail Free ACT.

"Prisoners are telling us that they would prefer a free and reliable bus service, accommodation vouchers for their families when visiting them, an agreement to only be held in jails closest to the ACT and the \$130 million allocated for the jail to be diverted into schools, community centres, mentoring programs and drug rehab services." said Brett Collins, a spokesperson for Jail Free ACT.

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