

OFFER OF HOPE

“Freedom with responsibility: responsibility to self and community.”

We, prisoners of Australia, call upon governments to acknowledge that having lost our freedom of movement we are still entitled to all other rights and safeguards provided to those outside prison.

We believe in the real meaning of the term “corrective services”. Instead of wasting government money, causing fear in the community and allowing our lives to slip away in despair, we believe that with help, trust, and encouragement we can return to our communities, families and friends and make a positive contribution to society.

We ask for your help

- with education
- with medical care
- with contact with families and the community

We ask for your trust

- with freedom of association
- with freedom of speech

We ask for you to believe

- that we are humans with rights and entitlements
- that we can change
- that our lives are just as important as any

In exchange, we offer peace, a commitment to non-violence, to listen as we are also heard in the spirit of the motto from the Special Care Unit at Long Bay, Sydney: *“Freedom with responsibility: responsibility to self and community.”*

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