



15 March 2018

Ms Elaine Pearson
Australian Director
Human Rights Watch
PO Box 4278
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Ms Pearson

I refer to the Human Rights Watch report titled "*I Needed Help, Instead I was Punished*" – *Abuse and Neglect of Prisoners with Disabilities in Australia* dated 6 February 2018 (the report).

I have reviewed the report and noted a number of concerning allegations relating to the treatment of prisoners – albeit it is unclear whether a proportion of them relate to prisoners in Queensland or Western Australia. To enable further enquiries and investigations to be undertaken about the individual allegations, it is requested that you please provide specific information/evidence in your possession to either my office or other relevant entities about the specific individuals involved or alleged to have been involved. I would appreciate you providing the above information at your earliest opportunity.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Graham Morrison, Inspector, Office of the Chief Inspector, on (07) 3006 4143 or Graham.morrison@dcs.qld.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Zhouand'.

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Chief Inspector