

Consideration of Restricted Prisoner Declaration – Robert Paul Long

Queensland Corrective Services acknowledges the victims, victims' families, survivors and the broader community who have been greatly affected by the fire at Childers 25 years ago.

Prisoner Robert Paul Long has submitted an application for parole. Due to the magnitude of the crimes committed by Prisoner Long, he is a restricted prisoner.

Therefore, he cannot be considered for release on parole, until the President of Parole Board Queensland has determined whether to make a 'restricted prisoner declaration' and if so, for how long.

A restricted prisoner declaration means that the person cannot apply for parole again for a period of up to 10 years. Prisoner Long will remain in Queensland Corrective Services custody while the restricted prisoner matter is being determined.

The parole application is not being considered while the restricted prisoner matter is determined by the President.

The President has recently been informed that a number of victims wish to make submissions to the Board following the 25th Anniversary of Mr Long's crimes. The President has therefore paused his consideration process to enable victims to register with the Victims' Register and provide their submissions.

Under the restricted prisoner framework the President must take into account the submissions of an eligible person when making his decision. More information about the Restricted Prisoner Framework can be found [here](#).

No definitive timeframe for the making of a declaration can be provided and this will partly depend on when victim submissions are received. Those registered with the QCS Victims Register will be notified when a decision is made.

Victims can register with the Queensland Corrective Services Victims Register to receive information, provide submissions and access support services.

The publication of this information has been authorised by the Chief Executive, Queensland Corrective Services as it is in the public interest in accordance with section 341(2)(3)(ii) of the Corrective Services Act 2006.

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