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THREE SHORTLISTED TO RUN PARKLEA PRISON

Three operators have been shortlisted in a tender process to compete for the right to run the Parklea Correctional Centre under a strengthened contract.

The NSW Government launched an Expression of Interest (EOI) in October last year inviting private companies to submit bids to run Parklea from 1 April 2019 when the current contract expires.

Minister for Corrections David Elliott said bids by G4S, Serco and joint venture partners MTC/Broadspectrum would now advance to the final stage.

The GEO Group, which has operated Parklea since 2009, has not been shortlisted and will cease operating the prison on 31 March 2019.

“This has been a transparent, fair and competitive tender process and the companies have been evaluated based on their ability to deliver quality outcomes for community safety,” Mr Elliott said.

“Corrective Services NSW has developed a much more stringent contract for the future operations of the prison, which will strengthen accountability of the operator to achieve safety, security and inmate rehabilitation outcomes, and bidders were asked to demonstrate their capabilities to deliver on these.”

“CSNSW will be working closely with the GEO Group to transition Parklea to a new operator, once selected following the Request for Tender process, in October this year.”

“I’d like to stress that during the transition, we expect that operational business at Parklea will continue as usual and GEO’s Parklea staff will be supported in getting jobs with the new operator wherever possible.”

The new Parklea contract is based on Key Performance Indicators for Safety and Security, Rehabilitation and Reintegration, Decency and Respect and Professionalism and Accountability.

CSNSW Commissioner Peter Severin said this will enable privately and publicly operated centres to be measured by the same performance standards.