



Speech By  
**Hon. Bill Byrne**


**MEMBER FOR ROCKHAMPTON**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Wolston Correctional Centre**

 **Hon. WS BYRNE** (Rockhampton—ALP) (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services) (10.10 am): Reports in the media today in relation to Wolston Correctional Centre taking part in the 1,000 cranes project and the million stars project are false, full stop. I have been advised by the Corrective Services Commissioner that not only will these items not be donated, a decision was made last week to not even make them in the first place. No-one expects prisons to be holiday spas and Queensland prisons are not holiday locations—they are primarily about deterrence and rehabilitation—but locking up prisoners and throwing away the key will only result in more reoffending. Prisoners need to be kept occupied and in meaningful activities, including rehabilitation activities, but these activities are not a right for prisoners to undertake. Any breach of prison rules and regulations can result in exclusion from any kind of activity. The Palaszczuk government is firm in its strong and coherent commitment to effectively address all elements of crime in this state.