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Re: Federal Court of Australia prison case

Greetings,

Please be advised that I have filed the following case in the Federal Court of Australia: *Knight v G4S Custodial Services Pty Ltd & Corrections Victoria* (Case No VID 595 of 2021). I am the nominal applicant in what is essentially a representative action on behalf of all current and former inmates of Port Phillip Prison. It is a proceeding that addresses the diversion of funds that were supposed to fund quit smoking programs, the increase by around 33% on the price of all canteen goods, and the exorbitant cost of telephone calls (Who in the community is charged \$7.20 for a 12-minute telephone call to a mobile phone?) It is not a minor case about the cost of Mars Bars at the prison canteen, but a substantial claim regarding 24 years of systemic profiteering by a multinational private prison operator. It is a claim about the State of Victoria and a private company preying on the most vulnerable and destitute members of our community. It is a case about the ability of prisoners, who earn an average of only \$26 per week, to care for themselves in prison and maintain contact with their families. The Federal Court has not previously examined unconscionable conduct by a private prison operator but a recent relevant decision is that of *ACCC v Telstra Corporation Limited* [2021] FCA 502.

Please feel free to contact me directly regarding this claim or examine relevant documents on my Justice Action iExpress profile (iexpress@org.au/identities/people/8-julian-knight).

If you wish to obtain copies of the documents filed in this proceeding, please contact the Fitzroy Legal Service (enquiries@fitzroy-legal.org.au) or the Victorian Registry of the Federal Court of Australia (vic.reg@fedcourt.gov.au).

Regards,



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