

**Gavin Garrard**

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**From:** Cathie Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, 17 August 2017 6:46 AM  
**To:** Kerryn Manifold; Kirby Anderson  
**Cc:** Sarah Kinna  
**Subject:** HIB - Parole Board decision update.docx  
**Attachments:** HIB - Parole Board decision update.docx

Hi Kerryn

Please find an updated HIB about the Pullens.

Cheers

Cathie

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## Parole Board Queensland

The Palaszczuk Government has delivered the most comprehensive 'No Body, No Parole' laws to help victim's families and provide an incentive for offenders to cooperate with authorities.

I can understand why the Pullens feel the way they do.

But as the Minister for Corrective Services said yesterday, his heart does go out to the family but he was unable to disclose any information as it would have broken the law.

The Corrections Minister felt assured by the President of the Parole Board Queensland that any decisions that the Parole Board had made for future granting of parole would be reviewed in-light of the new 'No Body, No Parole' laws.

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### Background

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**From:** Kerryn Manifold  
**Sent:** Thursday, 17 August 2017 6:03 AM  
**To:** @Media Advisors; @Chiefs of Staff; @Premiers Policy  
**Subject:** HIBs by 7.30am pls

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2. Pullen update (Corrective Services)



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**From:** Kirby Anderson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 15 August 2017 7:04 PM  
**To:** Annastacia Palaszczuk; @Premiers Media  
**Subject:** Media issues, 15 August

POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES – The Australian reporting the Pullen family, whose son was killed and supported the No Body, No Parole laws, were NOT advised that one of their son’s killers had received approval for parole by the Parole Board when they stood up with the Police Minister and AG at Parliament House last week. The decision was not conveyed to them because the President of the Parole Board is reviewing it against the new laws.

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**From:** Michelle Connolly  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 15 August 2017 7:47 PM  
**To:** Kirby Anderson; Mark Biddulph; Kirsten MacGregor; James Sullivan  
**Cc:** Susan McGrady; Michelle Wellington; Geoff Breusch; Cathie Thompson  
**Subject:** RE: as discussed  
**Attachments:** HIB - Parole Board decision.docx

Hi Kirby

Attached is a HIB as well. The Minister is available tomorrow for media comment if requested. Cathie from our office is on-call.

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**From:** Kirby Anderson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 15 August 2017 6:06 PM  
**To:** Michelle Connolly <Michelle.Connolly@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Mark Biddulph <Mark.Biddulph@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Kirsten MacGregor <Kirsten.MacGregor@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; James Sullivan <James.Sullivan@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, 15 August 2017 5:53 PM  
**To:** 'thomash@theaustralian.com.au' <thomash@theaustralian.com.au>  
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Sent from my iPhone

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