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Dear Mr Brown

Thank you for employing people who need a second chance

I am writing to you in my capacity as Minister for Corrections to express my sincere appreciation to your organisation for providing employment opportunities to people exiting prison.

The Victorian Government made a significant commitment to improving the job prospects of people exiting the Victorian prison system in the 2022-23 State Budget – because we know how important a job can be for people leaving prisons and the positive impacts it has on their reintegration.

Our aim of supporting people leaving prison into sustainable jobs rely on the support and participation of exceptional employer partners, such as yourselves.

As a social enterprise established in 2017 with the explicit purpose of giving people leaving the prison system viable work and training opportunities, Fruit2Work occupies a unique and vital place in the community. The effectiveness of the Fruit2Work model is reflected in the success it has achieved to date and in the high regard with which it is held in public and private sector circles.

Corrections Victoria highly values the collaboration with Fruit2Work and that we have managed to place several men and women into roles with your organisation. Several have spoken of the understanding and care received since starting. I am also appreciative of your participation in our 2023 Centre of Excellence Employment Expo program and understand that your presentation to the recent Centre of Excellence Expo at Beechworth was especially engaging and effective.

By demonstrating and delivering positive social change, you and your organisation are improving lives and making the community safer – and for that, please accept our gratitude and thanks.

Yours sincerely

The Hon. Enver Erdogan MLC Minister for Corrections

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