Darwin Correctional Centre

55 days done, 36 more to go!

**Monday, 12th December 2005**

Dear Bill

I was going to write back to you before I came in here but I didn't get the chance before getting locked up. I didn't have the address until my friend got the card from my PO Box and left it at the prison.

Thank you for your Seasons Greetings card, which I received just now.

I'll let you know how it is: horrible! That's the idea I suppose. It's not meant to [be] a bloody caravan park!! :)

Hey, I think I received a post card you sent a while ago, but I wasn't allowed to hang on to it. Only 20 letters and cards are allowed to be kept with you – the rest have to go in with your property in the office.

The block I'm in, Medium Security M Block, had a big drug test this morning. It took about 4 hours. Those whose names were called out had to provide a 60ml urine sample.

I refused to provide a sample, which is an offence, so I'm now an IDU (Identified Drug User). I expect a harsh penalty. Perhaps 28 days in the punishment cells 'down the back'.

I've been getting heaps of support and solidarity from outside, which has been terrific. NAP has been doing well, very busy. Both computers have been inexplicably disabled since Wednesday. I wonder whether that's a coincidence.

I'll write to you again when I get out. There are some issues I want to discuss with you.

I'll try to get this posted before lock-up, which is at 3pm.

Regards. All the best for the festive season.

Stuart.