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**INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATISATION OF PRISONS AND
PRISON-RELATED SERVICES**

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The Director
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**Submission to The privatisation of prisons and prison-related services
(Inquiry).**

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to object to the NSW Government's plans to privatise both Cessnock and Parklea prisons on the following grounds:

- I believe privately operated prisons experience higher rates of assaults on both prisoners and prison officers than publicly operated
- I believe the standard of care for prisoners in privately operated prisons is not as high as in public prisons.
- Privatised prison systems are more vulnerable to corruption, as recent evidence from the United States suggests.
- Privatisation of Cessnock Prison will result in fewer jobs in the local area.
- There has been insufficient independent research on the performance of private prisons in Australia to risk proceeding with steps to allow further private management of prisons.

Thank you for taking these matters into consideration.

Yours sincerely

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