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

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RE: Privatisation of Parklea & Cessnock prisons

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the privatisation of Parklea & Cessnock prisons. Gaols need to be publicly controlled to ensure that there is transparency & accountability. We can't afford to lose control of these facilities. Prisons being run for profit would pose a myriad of problems for administrators, governments & judiciary systems as well as members of the community & prisoners themselves.

I also worry that many job losses would result.

I feel that neither staff & inmates could be guaranteed of their safety under a privatised system.

I urge you to reject any moves to privatise any NSW prisons.

Wendy Middlebrook