

**Submission
No 24**

**INQUIRY INTO THE CLOSURE OR DOWNSIZING OF
CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW FACILITIES**

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Community Impact Survey**



Name:

Email:

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What is your connection to the Grafton Gaol? (eg, employee, town resident)

EX Corrective Services Officer. Due to part closure of Gaol and transferring of my work shop (PRINT) I was made redundant.

Why is Grafton Gaol important to the community of Grafton?

*Employment was so necessary after the closure of other our local Abattoirs and our Telstra Call Centre
If you are unfortunate to lose a job in the country towns you can't just go 20 minutes to another suburb for employment.*

How will the closure or downsizing of Grafton Gaol affect employment opportunities in your community?

Grafton already has high unemployment because of the Gaol situation and other major employment workplaces closing or downsizing.

How will the closure or downsizing of Grafton Gaol affect local business and the local economy of Grafton?

Those people who stay in Grafton after losing their jobs will not have the same amount of money they had to spend as before. The money from families leaving town will be missed. Local suppliers and tradesmen will suffer a large reduction in income and may have to put some of their own workers off work.

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