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

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To Whom it May Concern

As a correctional officer with just over 14 years of blood, sweat and tears invested in the job, I feel I can't just let this attempt to privatise the present system happen, without questioning the agenda of those that are pushing so hard, to destroy our livelihoods; namely the government and the commissioner.

Over the years I have done my best to maintain a professional and proper attitude to the job and my responsibilities and a firm, fair and approachable attitude to my charges, inspite in many cases, of their short comings.

Recently, I have found that the present "powers that be" do not show us the same courtesy. They might remember; that without us at the coal-face 24/7 365 days a year there really isn't any need for them and their over inflated salaries and packages.

I cannot accept that handing my job to a private security company with management whose whole reason for being is maximising profit, to maximise their cut of same; while charging the nsw taxpayers as much as they can - while paying their staff as little as they can; is a win win situation?

While these companies are employing minimal staff and therefore having minimal affect on the violence and rorts that will become a daily chore for the inmates - "who will be the last line of defence when the same inmates riot, take hostages, kill some, if not all of the same and escape into suburbia?"

After all the moments of the last decade or so, it amazes me that the upper management and the minister / government are now so hell bent on putting us on the scrapheap along with our families who have lived every moment with us.

This is also their best plan at this particular point in time; with most of the world, going to heck in a handbasket?

Please give the merit that is their due to all the husbands, wives, partners, children and other members of our extended families who have helped us to stay balanced and true in a corrupt, criminal and dangerous environment. Without the above mentioned support many of us would not have kept rolling up to work, day after day.

I just ask that you acknowledge the fact that if you choose to toss us on the scrapheap, what you do to us you also do to them.

In closing I feel I must remind you that we, the people helped to elect you into your present office and if you decide that we are surplus to need - what goes around - comes around.

Thank you for your time