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

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The closure of Cessnock C.C. will have a significant impact on both my family and I. My wife is not in a position to move to another location due to work commitments.

Both my parents live in Cessnock and are in their eighties. My father has terminal stomach cancer & isn't expected to live past June 2009. This will leave my mother home alone. She has had 2 hip replacements that are not working correctly & she also has cataracts on both her eyes. She needs constant help to shop, pay bills and the most time consuming, to see specialists. She is not capable of doing any of this on her own.

My children both live in the area & are settling down into married life. I am reluctant to leave the area as I don't want to leave my future grandchildren.

I will be required to travel 4 hours per day to work in Sydney and this will be at substantial cost.

My family and I are part of the local community and are firmly against the privatization of any Corrective Services branches.