

Submission
No 93

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

Name: The Officers of the Parklea Visits Search Room

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To Director,
GPSC3.

Submission from Parklea visits search section.

Collectively, we the Officers of Parklea Visits Search room contribute this submission with interest.

We have watched the Private vs. Public Debate rage with some truths, ½ truths and lies.

These were spoken and written.

This is what we have to add to the submission:

Every inmate on the completion of his visit in the main jail is PROPERLY strip searched.

This consists of, the inmate is completely stripped, his socks and underwear are turned inside out and shaken and mouth is inspected also they are made to run their fingers through their hair. The groin area and soles of their feet, in-between their fingers, toes and under their arms.

Also the property belonging to the inmate that is housed in the locker is also searched thoroughly as this sometimes contains some information and/or contraband.

The reason why we have made this commitment is to have a definite impact on drugs entering the centre and also the pride in our work.

We are the No.1 Searching Area in the State bar no one including the Units.

This is not an idle boast and we gladly extend an invitation for inspection by anyone at anytime.

By the nature of our job, this is High Conflict environment, but through negotiation and persuasion as well as our gaol experience we manage to keep our uses of Force to a minimum.

Recently the profession of Parklea has been under attack and all Officers feel that they have been painted with the same brush.

We feel that by writing this submission we have spoken up for the Officers that carry out their duties for the community day after day with no rewards and no complaints. This helps make our community and also the correctional centres safer and keeps the good people like your selves out of harms way.