

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

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I strongly object to the privatisation of Parklea and Cessnock prisons. My reasons being I do not believe in such institutions being operated for the purpose of profit. Private prisons are not subject to the same scrutiny as public prisons and therefore are not accountable. I also don't believe that the employees should be poorly paid in these prisons in order to make up for the profit the prison makes. I also believe there is a bigger element of risk to employees; and much more illegal goings on amongst the prisoners. I understand that incidents are not reported by employees in private prisons so that the prison is not fined and the employees' bonuses being put at risk. I do not believe privatisation in this area of government is a good thing, everyone loses except the owners of the business.