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**INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATISATION OF PRISONS AND
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I am currently employed by the department of corrective services in New South Wales. I currently work at the

I am lodging this submission as I am totally against any proposed privatisation of New South Wales prisons. It is my opinion that when an inmate from Junee that has behavioural issues or is just plain too expensive to manage surfaces they are moved to another public correctional centre to burden the cost. How can a proper comparison be made, in regards to cost per inmate per day between public prisons and private prisons like Junee, when private prisons are palming off difficult and expensive to manage inmates onto the public prisons? If the proposed privatisation of Parklea and Cessnock correctional centres goes ahead will they also attempt to burden the public prison system with these types of inmates? At Long Bay, as with all public run correctional centres we deal with all types of inmates, from murderers, to rapist and sex offenders, to inmates with mental health issues, aged and frail offenders, violent offenders, inmates who have serious medical conditions and require surgery or specialized medical treatment. We do not have the luxury of just sending these inmates 'elsewhere', we the custodial officers have to manage these people as best we can. Offenders that are housed at Junee are routinely sent from Junee to Long Bay for medical reasons, where the expense of housing the inmate, feeding the inmate, escorting the inmate and monitoring the inmate whilst at hospital now fall on the shoulders of Long Bay correctional centre. How can publicly run prisons compare with private prisons, on a per inmate per day ratio, when the public prison has to house and deal with very labour intensive inmates, inmates that require specialist care, inmates that are considered very dangerous and volatile, inmates that are mentally ill or are developmentally delayed, and the private prison such as Junee does not?

Private corporations are in business to turn a profit, and for a private prison to profit from the misery of inmates is in my opinion socially and morally wrong. The NSW government and judicial system is responsible for the incarceration of these inmates, it should be the NSW government that manages and houses the inmates, fulfilling its obligation to the tax payers of the state, not palming the inmates off to multi-national private prisons so they can turn a quick buck and have the profits head overseas.