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**INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATISATION OF PRISONS AND
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In a time of 'Global Economic Crisis' where many private industries are laying workers off, closing their doors, it astounds me that governments would seek to privatise prisons. Look at ABC learning Centres- the failure of the 'free market' should mean that governments provide certainty in the public institutions they own and other public services they provide rather than sell them off. Leaving our prisons to be run by for profit organisations will reduce accountability and transparency and will place the lives of those working in these facilities at risk as well inmates in these facilities.