

**Submission
No 312**

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

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I write to express my opposition to the privatisation of prisons in NSW. I believe the evidence of psychological studies and events in places such as Abu Graib demonstrate that prison situations are particularly amenable to the creation of an atmosphere in which individuals feel justified in conducting acts which violate human rights and would be considered unacceptable by most people. If prisons are run for profit this can only exacerbate the problem and ultimately lead to a greater cost to society through the damaged caused to incarcerated individuals and their actions once returned to the community.