

**Submission  
No 357**

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

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The Director  
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3  
Parliament House  
Macquarie St  
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**Submission to The privatisation of prisons and prison-related services  
(Inquiry).**

Dear Sir/Madam

- I object to the NSW Government's plans to privatise both Cessnock and Parklea prisons.
- I believe privately operated prisons experience higher rates of assaults on both prisoners and prison officers than publicly operated prisons.
- I also believe the standard of care for prisoners in privately operated prisons is not as high as in public prisons.
- Privatisation of Cessnock Prison will result in less jobs in our local area.
- There has not been enough independent research on the performance of private prisons in Australia to risk proceeding with steps to allow further private management of prisons.

Chris Parker