

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

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The Director
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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 Cessnock prison.

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.

Peter Firminger