

**Submission  
No 12**

**INQUIRY INTO THE CLOSURE OR DOWNSIZING OF  
CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW FACILITIES**

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## Inquiry into the Closure or Downsizing of Corrective Services NSW Facilities Community Impact Survey



**Name:**

**Email:**

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**Phone:**

### What is your connection to the Grafton Gaol? (eg, employee, town resident)

Family been in business in Grafton since before 1900 – have run hotels, motels, retail shops, real estate and local finance company that currently employs over 100 people and have always reinvested in the local community.

### Why is Grafton Gaol important to the community of Grafton?

Like any country town, unless the Government tries to support country towns, and rather than close Government offices, bring people out of city decentralisation to the country, local business will die.

You need Government to start decentralisation and other business will follow.

**How will the closure or downsizing of Grafton Gaol affect employment opportunities in your community?**

If local business close down they lose profits which are reinstated in the local area as well as loss of employment.

**How will the closure or downsizing of Grafton Gaol affect local business and the local economy of Grafton?**

If we need to explain to the people we are submitting this to, we are all wasting our time.

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