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**INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATISATION OF PRISONS AND
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I am a former prison officer at the long bay complex of prisons and have spent numerous years as a police officer and involved in security and law enforcement. I have recently been informed of the proposed outsourcing/sale of several NSW Correctional establishments.

I am really quite stunned that the NSW Government would contemplate such a sale when all of the research that I have reviewed suggests that privatisation of prisons is adverse to cost savings and rehabilitation of the States prisoners. It is also ethically unacceptable.

There is a fundamental problem with companies making money from incarcerating prisoners. You cannot for one minute try and convince the public that when it comes down to profits, that human rights will prevail. The dollar is what drives private industry and the dollar is what will strip our prisoners of the required tools to rehabilitate and become a useful member of society rather than a waste of taxpayers dollars. The safety of officers is also paramount and when you pay peanuts you get monkeys. Monkeys cannot care for prisoners nor provide the skills that are necessary to protect our community from the state's dangerous criminals.

I believe your proposal to privatise is poorly thought through and will inevitably end with the Govt being embarrassed by the consequence of this proposal.