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**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



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

I am a town resident

Why is Grafton Jail important to the community of Grafton?

Created jobs for our local people which enhanced business and population growth within our community.

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

Opportunities have always been limited in our community and I myself needed to leave the area when younger to establish a work portfolio; where as some of my friends were successful in obtaining local employment. By closing or downsizing the Grafton Jail or any other government businesses in a small country town such as Grafton will only push more of our youth and younger families away due lack of work availability so as they can try and keep a minimum standard of some type of quality in their lives.

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

Across the board – as to say. Local tradespeople such as electricians, carpenters, wholesalers etc. are effected as well as business in nearby neighbouring towns such as Coffs Harbour and Lismore.

Both private and government businesses are suffering due to the reduced demand on their services which then entails their business structure to decline thus producing more losses in our local area.

Real Estate values decline when there is no employment opportunities in the area.

Please return your completed survey to Mary Yaager at Unions NSW at myaager@unionsnsw.org.au or Level 3, Trades Hall, 4 Goulburn Street, Sydney NSW, 2000