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

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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to bring to your attention that the privatisation of Cessnock and Parklea not only affects the prison staff and their families. It also affects the Justice Health nursing staff as well. There is approximately 20 permanent nursing staff at the centre as well as casual staff. These staff will be displaced as a result of the privatisation as the private contractors do not use Justice Health staff. Some of the nursing staff are married to Prison Officers so this will result in two income earners from the one family being affected. The Prison Officer has the possibility of transferring to another centre but the nursing staff will not be offered supernumerary positions in other centres to accommodate their spouses transfer. I don't think the Department of Corrective Services or the Government has given any consideration of the flow on effect that their decision will have.