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

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I do not want to ever see prisons in NSW run by private companies. This is privatisation gone mad! The prisons will be run by American companies that are long on public relations experience and short on staffing levels. We know this because of what has happened elsewhere in Australia and overseas. At a more fundamental level, it is the states right and responsibility to incarcerate criminals not a private one. If this were not so then we would go back to the bad old days of Victorian era prisons with all their associated abuses. What next? Competition in the private prison sector from Hulks moored in Sydney harbour?