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

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*Partially Confidential*

To whom it may concern,

I have been employed with the Department of Corrective Services for approx 7 Years and 6 months. During this time I have been attached to Parklea Correctional Centre for this duration and have built my life and family based on the premise that this would be my stability for the remainder of my career with in the department.

I have purchased my home in the Quakers hill suburb and organised with the courts assistance access with my son to be in the immediate vicinity in relation to his schooling and welfare as I am a single father.

Privatising my work location and other locations would have a severe impact on mine and all employees with there home structure as well as people in the same predicament as myself. The privatisation of these locations would not only affect people who work at these locations but would also affect the greater community as well in regards to safety and security.

Since the beginning of my career I have had the pleasure of being attached to the local emergency unit with in Parklea Correctional Centre and I can say personally on behalf of myself and other staff attached to that unit we have the best trained staff with in our institutions to handle and quell any situation that arises with in our location.

We have a fantastic working relationship with our local police and on many occasions have held interactive training days with our local area command as well as the Public Order Riot Squad (P.O.R.S). Privatising my location would severely impact on the security and safety of our community with less experienced staff who's only objective is to save money and cut corners, and this would be at the expense of our nations community.

So I ask our nations leaders respectfully to stop the sell off of our work locations because at the end of the day you are asking us to compromise our community with inexperienced and less qualified staffing, and again I will reiterate that this would not only compromise our community but will also jeopardise staff and inmates safety with the likelihood of more assaults on staff and inmates as well as more escapes due to the above mentioned reasons.

Let's make our nation know that you were elected for a reason, and this was for the greater good of this country.

Respectfully,

A very concerned employee of Parklea Correctional Centre.