

Submission  
No 301

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

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The Director & distinguished Committee members  
General Purpose Standing committee no. 3  
NSW Legislative Council

Subject: Submission against privatisation of State prisons

Sir/ Madam,

I am stressed with the proposed privatisation of our state prison by our State Government and Commissioner of Corrective services. We have been branded overtime rorters, manipulators and other shits that make us look bad to the eyes of the public so they can justify the move for privatisation. I have been proud working as an officer with the Corrective Services and have not used a single FACS leave which I am entitled. My sick leave for all the years of work would be around 10 all supported with medical certificates. I'm sure hundreds of officers have very good records of performance. We get verbally abused by inmates basically everyday and somedays, we feel stressed and would like to skip work but still show up for work. It is sad that we get bad publicity to reward the good work of most of the officers.

Our prison should remain in public hands. Instead of privatising them, they should work on ways to improve its operation and management. The union members are always willing to work out efficiency plans if given the chance to get involved. Efficiency for the frontline workers should not be the only one scrutinised but also more on the entire system operation.

I am positive that a publicly run prison will be better than a privately operated prison given the right management.

Thank you and I hope that we won't be displaced from our jobs, sell our homes to relocate or worst, queue up for the unemployment benefit. Your wisdom and help will be highly appreciated.

With all due respect,