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

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I have been a prison officer for over 20 years and am constantly amazed how the powers to be of this department are so against trying to solve problems but are more intent on destroying the system. First I would like to ask were is the 20%reduction in public service expenses as put forward by our government this department has increased its upper management to astronomical levels while blaming the officers on the ground for there budget blowout, but to put a different spin on it if we have so many managers, commissioners and hierarchy looking after our system does it not show that these people who are supposed to manage are incapable of doing there jobs and are just shifting the blame onto the gaol and courts staff who as employees are only doing as they are instructed .How can a saving of 16 million dollars over three years for the privitisation of Parklea and Cessnock when it is going to cost over 30 million dollars to try and implement this policy and none of the inherent problems which exist are being addressed .I just think its shameful that officers who put their lives on the line every day doing their job are being punished for the mistakes and mismanagement of Mr Woodham and his inefficient and untrustworthy team.