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

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Trading security, safety & jobs for profit. Our prisons are places to house offenders and require skilled officers to manage them, many who have years of experience and knowledge of the prison system, and shouldn't be replaced by casual or part-time staff working for a profitable organisation, with low wages and possibly understaffed in comparison to how prisons are run at present, taking away from the security and safety that is provided for the surrounding communities, inmates and staff. If a situation like the Parklea riots of 1987 & 1990 happened again, how could such inexperience manage? The safety of the community is the utmost priority.

If privatisation occurs, many officers will no longer have a job, people with careers being replaced by many casual or part time staff. Labor government axing jobs for money, life is hard enough in these times of economic uncertainty without becoming unemployed.

My husband has been with corrective services for 28yrs, he was involved in the Parklea riots, he has suffered many injuries over the years, and always given his best and the thought that he may soon not have a job is very stressful and wrong. The prison officers need everyone's support including the government. Keep everyone safe by keeping the officers employed in their current positions and locations. Stop the sell off of our Prisons.