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

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I would question any thought of privatisation of the New South Wales Gaols. In other states it would appear that they do not have the same openness to the public as Government run Gaols do. Infact in most states if they could change them back without any extra costs, I am sure they would, if not in ALL cases then in the majority of them.

The money they charge for running the Gaol is based at a full capacity level, they usually fall short of this by as much as 30% and sometimes even more, yet are paid at the same rate. IE 100% capacity level. That direct profit is for them and most of the company heads are based off shore, so this PUBLIC money entrusted to the Government is then sent off shore to help their profit base.

Next point I would raise is that the programs offered and services are not at the same levels or standards that are offered in Public run Gaols. So we pay more or the same for less services, it just does not give us value for money.

There is also the question of safety to the staff, both front line and non front line staff. The reduction in staff always sounds good and the cost savings is good on face value, but not when you look at how it is maintained. Gaols become a stack and rack em system, inmates' tempers flare and it's a boiling pot just waiting to explode and when it does, it does in a big way. Lets keep everyone safe and keep the inmates secured. Please.

In times of hardship, like at present. It is not a good idea to be changing operational services. We have the Way-Forward already hitting the Custodial Staff, Your front line workers. Yet the BIG HOUSE, the Commisioner runs, has grown and grown with assistant commissioners and all these hangeron'ers numbers growing and the cost growing also. Reduce these numbers and you could easily save around one million dollars a year.

When we look at privatisation, well it gets a BIG THUMBS DOWN from me and as a person that VOTES, I would like to see all New South Wales Prisons remain Public for today and into the forseeable future.

I thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts. I would also ask for consideration of name etc being withheld to protect my identity.