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Senators,

It is vitally important that the punishment mechanism of the justice system remains firmly in the grasp of government and away from capital-seeking private investors.

We've seen only recently how the quest for growth in the financial sector leads to greed and inequality.

The justice system should never be seen as a mechanism for capital-growth and financial investment, which will result if it becomes privatised.

I believed Australia to my knowledge to have a fair justice system that allows for a complete system of checks and balances keeping both the public interest and personal rights as the objective.

Don't let these values that are upheld in a democracy like ours, be over run by ideals of capital accumulation and business efficiency.

These are people's lives.