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

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I would like to state that I have never been satisfied with the outcome when any Government Dept (or Government regulated service) has been sold off - in the past.

I am not a prison officer or a person who has ever been in jail (or even had family in jail), so I don't have a biased opinion. However, as an Australian community member, I think that too many Government responsibilities are being "farmed out" to private companies. Hospital cleaning & catering as an example.

I do not believe that this would be in the best interests of the community or even the inmates.

There must be full accountability & transparency in the day to day running and operations of any public facility. I do not believe that this can be guaranteed if the corrective services system is "Sold Off".

If this is not dealt with responsibly, the whole community stands to suffer in the long run. I humbly request that this parliament thoroughly think long and hard about the long-term consequences if this idea were to go ahead and then fail. I was born and bred in NSW and only recently moved to QLD (to escape years of drought), but I still care what happens there.

Please, don't do this.