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INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATISATION OF PRISONS AND PRISON-RELATED SERVICES

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I am a Labor voter and I like the majority do not support the Privatisation of Prisons. This is a complete backward step from people who have their own agendas. This service is proudly historical. I am an ex-serviceman who takes pride in serving in Corrective Services, although not necessarily in its senior management. Prisons run by private companies for profit will, as already stated will lead to more confrontation within.

The entry standard of officers was at one time very high. This now appears to be sliding. How high will be the standard of private guards? A picture of thugs guarding thugs comes to mind.

Increase in assaults, contraband, and drug use.

Lack of duty of care/case management/interaction.

This short sighted, poorly thought out suggestion needs to be overturned. The morale in this proud service is becoming very low.

This alone is a cause for concern, working in potentially dangerous environment. Stop the uncertainty, keep prisons humane, and stay with a tried and tested system