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

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I am a retired person and have never worked in the prison service.

I greatly object to the privatisation of prisons. It is my opinion that the elected government has the responsibility to maintain standards in society. The prison service is one of the instruments that is used to assist in that goal.

By its very nature a private organisation has its main goal as that of creating a profit for its owners. The maintenance of social standards by assisting in the rehabilitation of inmates must be, by definition, a secondary consideration.

A government body does not have to make a profit and can set its main goals to be for the benefit of the people as a whole. The government is also directly answerable to people for whom the standards are set.

It has been my experience throughout forty odd years of working life that those workers who are not driven by a profit motive are generally more devoted to setting higher moral and professional standards at work.

Please keep prisons under the direct control of the government.