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Dear Committee Members,

I have been a Correctional Officer for twenty years, firstly at Long Bay and more recently at Parklea.

I feel that Officers at Parklea have been treated shamefully by senior management of the Department of Corrective Services.

Correctional Officers at Parklea have been aware for months now that we are the subject of looming privatisation.

What has this department done?

Personnel from Human Resources at Corrective Services have made sporadic appearances, but ask any officer. If you ask them a question, they have no answer and often answer a question with a question. Can you imagine, committee members how frustrating and stressful this is for staff trying to work out what their future holds. This has been going on for months, this nerve wracking uncertainty.

Officers at Parklea are not only unsure of where their own futures lie, with only a few short months to go before seemingly we are all going somewhere else...but how is this going to affect officers spouses/partners, families, friends and children, some with special needs to consider as well.

My question to you committee members, is if the senior management of Corrective Services treats its own employees in this shameful manner, is it any wonder it is considering treating inmates, who will nearly all be released into the community at some stage, as a commodity to be warehoused by the private sector for the lowest possible dollar cost.

Thank you committee, for the chance to have my say.