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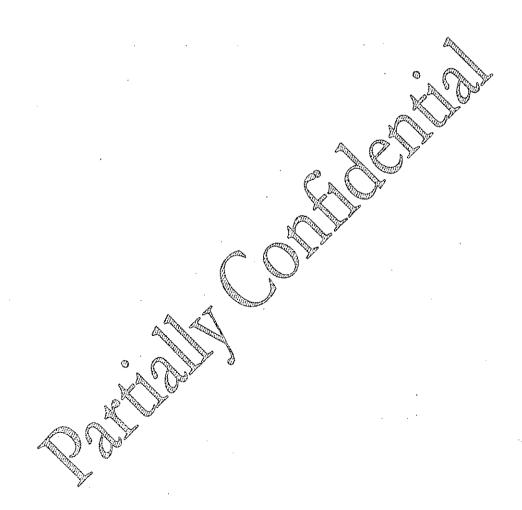
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Privatisation of two NSW public prisons - Parklea and Cessnock.

I submit that to proceed with the privatisation of public prisons will lead to increased risks to inmates and staff. The citizens of NSW will be stuck with a "run for profit" disaster needing to be bailed out by future State Governments. The Government just needs to remember the Power Sell Off disaster. Once we go down the track of privatisation this opens the door for privatisation of other prisons and Government services. Doesn't this Labor Government remember its promise to maintain and improve services to the NSW Public??? The successful Public Service Association campaign highlighting the Job Cuts = Service Cuts Campaign at the last State Election proved that the community wants well run State Government services, not a free for all sell off. Remember transparency and accountability of services?

The NSW Government has precious little time to improve its performance before the ultimate rejection at the Ballot Box. How about focusing on doing the job right between now and then rather than another bad decision? Yours faithfully