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

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To the committee,

I have been an officer with the Department of Corrective Services for a little over 13 years. I have seen many changes throughout this time.

I agree there is room for improvement and reform, but privatising the Correctional Centre is not the most economical and beneficial answer for the community, Government and the taxpayer.

I am sure the problems that have risen within the department is from the commissioners mismanagement and lack of direction and keeping up with the changes, increases in numbers and consultation with fellow staff.

Any Private company for any style of business has to make money - otherwise why bother in the first place, and in this instance this money i might add would be coming from the Australian tax payer and more then likely be sent off shore to foreign companies. With the world economic crisis and Australia looming further towards recession privatisation of Prisons would see the Government failing the communities it represents.

In this industry making money at the sacrifice of staff, safety, duty of care, programs etc would see increases in assaults on staff and inmates, deaths in custody, inmates bartering for basic items such as toilet paper and worse.

Inmates are sentenced at courts throughout the state and the state should enforce the sentences within state run prisons.

Thank you for your time.