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

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Speaking as a career correctional officer with over 21½ years service, I never thought that the future of correctional officers would become an issue of major importance, let alone threatened with privatisation on a massive scale. Private correctional centres and services simply do not work, this has been proven world wide & sadly I have seen it first hand at a former NSW Corrective Services officers funeral, in the USA where this fellow became a Police Officer. Private centres across the USA were closing due to the massive financial depression caused by 1000's of court cases, that was in 2005.

As a loyal member of the ALP im now sickened that this has become an issue my very own party, who is Primarily Against Privatisation and Reduction of Workers Rights, does anyone remember the "Kevin 07" campain and how all workers united against the financial ideas of destroying workers rights.

Private Correctional Centres can not full fill the legal obligations of a convicted offender let alone provide the necessary requirements to an offender is held in remand awaiting court appearance and or trial. Ask anyone who had any involvement with the Wommerra or Baxter Detention Centres, you can even find the 4 Corners Program relating to these centres on the ABC Website.

Law Enforcement and the responsibilities thereof are and must remain the responsibility of the Government of NSW. If not what's next, private police, sheriffs, magistrates, judges, its time to stop the rot and perform as expected and demanded for and by all involved, weather it be a base grade correctional officer or someone who has attained the summit.