

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

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**Submission to The privatisation of prisons and prison-related services
(Inquiry).**

Dear Sir/Madam

- I object to the NSW Government's plans to privatise both Cessnock and Parklea prisons, privatisation of public services ends up being more costly to our communities, as well as less transparent and democratic.
- I believe privately operated prisons experience higher rates of assaults on both prisoners and prison officers than publicly operated prisons, figures for this are readily available.
- I also believe the standard of care for prisoners in privately operated prisons is not as high as in public prisons.
- Privatisation of Cessnock Prison will result in less jobs in my local area.
- There has not been enough independent research on the performance of private prisons in Australia to risk proceeding with steps to allow further private management of prisons.

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