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**INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATISATION OF PRISONS AND
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Along with many thousands of prison officers and public citizens I am against privatisation. Prisons should remain under public control and not be sourced out for profit. Along with the security concerns such as inexperienced and lowly trained staff responsible for maximum security inmates, the psychological effects on employees and families needs to be taken more seriously. The department of corrective services has shown little compassion for the staff particularly at Cessnock who in some cases are expected to relocate hundreds of kilometres away from their existing homes, emotional effects on children (some with special needs) having to leave schools and life long friends behind and the financial strain on families who have to sacrifice a second income of a partner who has to leave their job in order to relocate will have catastrophic effect on the lives of prison officers who have served with great integrity for many years (only to be criticized in the media by their commissioner) . Can the corrective services for once consider the staff over the inmates and keep all aspects of corrective services in public hands not private for profit.