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

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As a member and the branch chairman of the NSWPA Wollongong I do not believe that the privatisation of the prison system is in the best interest to the members of the NSW community. Undoubtedly any privatisation will have a huge affect on the role that NSW police have to take in relation to prisoners at custody stations, is there any measures to be taken to ensure that this doesn't occur.

The Government should not be running goals for profit. There is an expectation that prisoners will be housed by the State for the crimes that they have been found guilty of that that imprisonment needs to be transparent and accountable.

The government is exploring ways to increase jobs, which this privatisation appears to be heading in the opposite direction with job losses to occur in any privatisation.

There would also be an increase in OH&S risks to prison officers and inmates if goals are run for profit, with the obvious way to make money is by cost cutting.

There needs to be greater community consultation and investigation before any privatisation occurs.

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