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

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Dear Sir/Madam -

I have been made aware of the current issue of privatising prisons through an email that was sent to me, relaying the opposition of prison workers to the plan.

I personally do not believe in the privatisation of any state owned and run body, such as the proposed electricity sell-off.

However, my objections are even stronger in this case because "real" people - the prison officers and the inmates will be affected if the privatisation goes ahead.

Prisons should not be run for a profit - they are places of punishment but also hopefully of rehabilitation. Do you think private companies will be interested in funding rehabilitation programs for prisoners? Why would they when re-offenders means bigger prisons and more money in their pockets.

Furthermore, the workings of a prison need to be transparent and accountable - this is the case with government run prisons but I don't believe it would be the case with a private company.

There is also a fear that privatisation could also lead to job losses -not a good idea in this current economic climate.

I would urge you to consider this proposal with great care.

Yours sincerely

Melanie and Margaret Williams