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**INQUIRY INTO THE CLOSURE OR DOWNSIZING OF
CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW FACILITIES**

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The Select Committee On the Closure or
Downsising of Corrective Services N.S.W> Facilities

Parliament House

Macquarie Street

Sydney N.S.W. 2000

Dear Sirs

Grafton Gaol

With the partial closure of the Grafton Gaol and the reduction in the number of personnel , much to the shock and horror of the wider Grafton community there would seem to be a golden opportunity to completely re furbish the Gaol and eliminate the problems that have been highlighted in the media , such as the poor accommodation standard, ventilation and pest control.

With the reported half million dollars having already been expended and the remaining remand prisoners only occupying a minor portion of the available housing , it would seem logical to take the opportunity to bring the Gaol up to an acceptable standard and for the Gaol to be reopened in the foreseeable future as a high security prison ,bringing back to Grafton the employment opportunities that have so recently been

stripped away and going part of the way to revitalise the failing economy of the Clarence Valley that has suffered other closures ,such as the Telstra Call Centre, the Abbotoir and the projected downsising to occur in the National Parks Offices and the R.M.S.

Yours Sincerely

Brian and Joan Carter

17th September 2012