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**INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATISATION OF PRISONS AND  
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Prisons run for profit is a joke. Inmates are encouraged to carry out various educational programs, if prisons are privatised then say goodbye to the funding for these programs. Inmates will be in prison for longer, will be back sooner, and there will definitely be a lot more inmates. Currently assaults are low on officers and inmates in government run prisons, American private prisons have proven that assault rates are a lot higher in privately run prisons. What will the ratio be of officers to inmates, privately run prisons are all about cutting back costs (staff), in order to make a profit. Inmates will be neglected and rehab will be minimal. A lot of privately run prisons throughout the world have realised what a mistake privatisation is and are renationalising them. It is Labor Party policy to oppose the private contract management of prisons. This is not a time for the Government to be axing jobs and replacing them with casual positions and low paid, low quality positions. The Federal Government is trying to boost job creation, while the NSW Government is slashing frontline workers. The prison environment is unsafe as it is employing casual correctional officers, who may only work at eg Long Bay once a week is going to find it hard to adapt to safety and security procedures.