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

Name: Ms Wendy White

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The Director
General purpose Standing Committee No. 3
Parliament House
Macquarie St
Sydney

Dear Sir/ Madam

I object to the NSW government's plans to privatise both Cessnock and Parklea prisons as I feel that there has not been enough research carried out into the performance of privately run prisons in this country.

There seems to be evidence to suggest that privately operated prisons experience a higher level of assaults on both prisoners and prison officers and I also believe that the standard of care for prisoners is not as high as in public prisons.

The privatisation of Cessnock Prison will result in fewer jobs in our local area, an area already adversely affected by the proposed closure of the Bonds factory.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy White