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

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Inquiry into the Closure or Downsizing of Corrective Services NSW Facilities Community Impact Survey



Name:

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What is your connection to the Grafton Jail? (eg, employee, town resident)

our business supplied catering for visiting days to the gaol

I am Deputy Mayor and live in Grafton

My father moved our family to Grafton to work at the Gaol (he is retired)

I am year adviser at Grafton High where I teach to students sitting their HSC whose parent or parents faced an uncertain future. this was a disgusting situation for these young people to be put in during this already stressful time in their lives. the timing and the way it was done had no consideration of the affects this decision would have on people.

Why is Grafton Jail important to the community of Grafton?

it is an integral part of the town. It not only provides employment but growth in the diversity of the town with new staff moving in. Obviously being fairly well paid the employees provide a very big influence on the economy of not only Garfton but the Clarence Valley.

How will the closure or downsizing of Grafton Jail affect employment opportunities in your community?

Our business had to put off one staff member due to the closure, This will happen in small businesses across Grafton and the wider Clarence Valley. It is the flow on effect. Our milko, that supplies our shop also had a serious decline in his business as the gaol was a major client. The impact will be ongoing and far reaching. The

depth of which cannot really be measured. Therefore small business which is 94% of our business in Grafton will not be employing but putting off.

How will the closure or downsizing of Grafton Jail affect local business and the local economy of Grafton?

in a very negative way. This was one of our last major employers.

see above

Please return your completed survey to Mary Yaager at Unions NSW at myaager@unionsnsw.org.au or Level 3, Trades Hall, 4 Goulburn Street, Sydney NSW, 2000