

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

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To whom it may concern,

*This is a very short submission based on a real concern that privatisation of prisons is risking the health and wellbeing of a vulnerable section of our community.

*The whole concept of privatising a NSW Prison (or any part thereof) is an anathema to any fair minded person in a civilised society.

*Prisons are not constructed for the purpose of making money, they are by their very nature, a reflection of the failure of our society and therefore a social cost to any just society.

*Privatising prisons will undermine any of the restorative justice that the current prison system can afford to its inmates and will only further segregate the prison population.

*Prisoners are not a cheap labour camps for the "captains of industry" or the aspiring entrepreneur.

*Prisons are there to ameliorate society's failings.

*The health and wellbeing of the prison population should be the primary consideration of the NSW Government.

*A privatised prison system will (not have the public concern for the inmates) be primarily concerned with delivering private profits to the shareholders of the enterprise.

*Forwarded for your consideration