

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

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To:

NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Privatisation of Parklea and Cessnock Public Prisons

I would like to register my OBJECTION to the two public prisons - Parklea and Cessnock being made Private.

Prisons should never be run for profit, if they were we would lose transparency and accountability, which is a very dangerous situation with regard to justice and law enforcement.

I would suggest that the committee watch either the whole film or parts of the Australian film "Ghosts of the Civil Dead", which was made in the early '90s, features Nick Cave and is set in a future private prison in Victoria.

I am against the privatisation also due to the job losses in the community, and to putting staff and inmates in an even more dangerous situation than they currently are.

There are many positive forms of correctional organisation in the world and this is what NSW, and indeed Australia, should be following...NOT privatisation.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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