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

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I am very much against any sell-off /privatisation of gaols. If sold to private (probably foreign) organisations whose main agenda is profit and not rehabilitation, Australian values of humane treatment will be lost and our punitive systems will become as feral as US prisons, as inhumane as Asian gaols and our citizens, our sons and daughters, will be interred there. Watch shows such as America's roughest "jails" if you want to see what is done to ordinary people, many of whom have committed relatively low level offences which are the product of poverty, illiteracy, mental and physical impairment etc under these regimes. Cruelty is the watchword of these administrations.