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

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See the documentary, "Business behind bars" for some clues - the public interest is not being served by privatising a prison system which would inevitably look for more paying "guests" rather than trying to rehabilitate inmates whenever possible and look for lowering of prison numbers as a measure of improved community policing and a civilised justice system. The likelihood of promoting more "law & order" politics to maintain and increase numbers would be strong - to increase the profits by steadily increasing numbers; growth! a law and order solution lacking the social tools of a civilized society to bring a balanced approach to justice. Good management and adoption of excellent standards can be brought into the public system without privatising - which inevitably has a different bottom line (profit) from the social outcomes of a public system. Privatising prisons shifts responsibility away from governments where the justice system must always reside.