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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 Gaol? (eg, employee, town resident)

Why is Grafton Gaol important to the community of Grafton?

Grafton Gaol has been a stable employer for approx 130 years.
The number of staff employed is just the tip of the iceberg. Staff have partners; families have children; businesses supply goods & services, so in effect the entire community is affected when a large employer is lost to the town.

How is it good financial management to add to the unemployment queues? In the long run it costs the government to be paying unemployment benefits to an ever increasing number of displaced workers.

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

Because of the ripple effect of the job losses at Grafton Gaol - almost every business will be impacted negatively. This translates into less employment in every employment sector in town.

Country towns simply can't survive this level of loss of employment and associated loss on income for the town.

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

It already has! Especially as it comes on top of loss of jobs in other sectors (eg. Telstra, abattoirs).

Personally, my business has seen approx 60% loss of turnover (and I'm not directly involved with the gaol) as Grafton has been crippled by ongoing loss of employment in our town.

We need secure jobs to help our town survive.