Submission No 418

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

Name:

Ms Susan Walmsley

Date received:

24/02/2009

Private profit from the incarceration of human beings is a disgusting concept. It is morally abhorrent in every way. Any privatisation of organisations that provide essential services must remain public property run by the people for the people and open to scrutiny. Power, water, army, police force, prisons are for the collective good not shareholder profit and we the collective workforce already pay for them. Prisons are our collective responsibility.

Clearly the ideological notion of privatisation of every economic commodity is now shown to be a false and corrupt ideal, which will stop at nothing to turn a profit. We have all heard of the shameful practices of Enron and are aware of the enormous political power corporate entities hold to get their way. Prisons as a business? Shame! Will it be private armies and private police forces next?

I will certainly not be supporting this or any party that supports it. I thank any member of parliament for opposing this.