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

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As a citizen and tax payer of NSW I strongly object to the proposal to privatize Parklea and Cessnock prisons. Over many years I have read reports of abuses in the many privatized prisons of the USA and of abuses reported in Australia over several years by private companies that ran the previous Federal Government's detention centres.

I believe prisons run for profit will lead to abuses and create a more dangerous situation for some groups of prisoners, that we will lose transparency and accountability. Job losses will definitely occur.