

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATISATION OF PRISONS AND
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The present proposal to privatise Parklea and Cessnock Prisons is of concern as it will decrease the opportunity of prisoners to engage in education and other programs offered by OSP staff. Research into privately run prisons has indicated that these do not offer the range of programs which enable inmates to make a u-turn in their lives and not reoffend. There are certainly other issues of concern in regard to security and the management of prisons that would make it a wiser choice to leave the prisons as they are.