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**INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATISATION OF PRISONS AND
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I am , First Class Correctional Officer of Parklea Correctional Centre I've been employed with the Corrective Services for nearly seven (7) years. I joined the department because of job security and progression.

Like any other Custodial Officer, I've undergone twelve weeks of training in the Brush Farm Academy, Eastwood.

I spent my first 2 years at Metropolitan Medical Transient Centre at Longbay, a maximum security gaol and Longbay hospital. I dealt with murderers, rapists, drug traffickers and also with mentally ill inmates. Whilst working at Longbay I endured the long driving , traffic conditions and stress just going to and from work until I was finally got transferred to Parklea Correctional Centre , also a maximum security gaol , which I considered it a blessing and a place I could retire to. It was a fifteen minute drive to and from my place and not as traffic to and from work.

I don't believe that privatization is the answer to save money for the government. I believe that the service we give as a public firm will always be better than that of the private companies. We, the public, gives a better security and duty of care because of the training and experience we gained through all the years of service we had with the government, we don't do shortcuts in doing our job in order that we give a better care for our inmates and to have a safer community . Privatizing the gaols means giving the gaols to the Private Company to make profit for themselves. And not ethical making profit on those who have to serve for their crimes. In order to have a better profit, I believe that Private firms will then cut their cost for example, the education for the inmates, drug and alcohol classes, will then be remove in order to minimised costs further more due to minimising their expenses , staff safety will also be compromised and making it an unsafe place to work on. Most of these companies comes from overseas so, meaning to say money or the profit they gained here in Australia will be spent overseas. How can then Privatization help our economy when money here in Australia is spent overseas?