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**INQUIRY INTO THE CLOSURE OR DOWNSIZING OF
CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW FACILITIES**

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Community Impact Survey



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What is your connection to the Grafton Gaol? (eg, employee, town resident)

As a local high school teacher it is devastating to see how students leave local schools to be closer to family members incarcerated.

Why is Grafton Gaol important to the community of Grafton?

Students leave schools, friends, networks when their families leave Grafton to be near loved ones in detention. The disruption to home lives, the presented fears of deaths in custody (given large over representation of goorri's in detention) is palpable. Enrolments in schools drop when 102 people have lost jobs at Grafton Gaol. Teachers are cut from schools with declining numbers. Our town relies on small business and the public service sector otherwise we become an impoverished town. Overseas austerity measures have no place in Australia.