

Submission  
No 310

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

**Name:** Name suppressed  
**Date received:** 24/02/2009

---

Partially Confidential

Privatisation has been tried in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and some other states. The government is still the ultimate custodian of prisoners. In other states the amounts saved in privatisation have been far outstripped by civil claims paid out by governments. These have been made by both staff and inmates in private correctional facilities. Further to this there are much higher risks of escapes, riots, violent assaults as a result of reduced supervision of inmates. In NSW when I worked as a correctional officer there 110 Governors and Deputies for 52 gaols. At that stage I worked out that just removing the excess deputies and governors who did not have gaols would save the state a minimum of 30 million dollars a year. There are many excess to requirements at a Senior Management level. No prisoner officer could earn an amount of money in overtime any were near Commissioner Mr. Ron Woodham who earns more money than the Premier of NSW.