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INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATISATION OF PRISONS AND PRISON-RELATED SERVICES

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As a concerned citizen & taxpayer of NSW I wish to register my objection to prisons being run for profit, to losing transparency and accountability, to job losses in the community, to putting staff and inmates in an even more dangerous situation. I believe if any prison is privatised profits will end up being a higher priority than the needs of the inmates and the security of the community.

There is a large amount of evidence from both here and overseas that private prisons are chronically understaffed, underfunded and cut corners when it comes to inmate care and rehabilitation.

Also this is not a time for the NSW Government to be axing jobs and replacing them with casual positions and low paid, low quality positions. The Federal Government is trying to boost job creation, while the NSW Government is slashing frontline workers.

If it isn't broken, don't fix it!