

**INQUIRY INTO PARKLEA CORRECTIONAL CENTRE AND
OTHER OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

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Having been a correctional officer for 20 years, it was my intention to write a huge spiel on the downward spiral that has become the "free range inmate" gaol of NSW! Despite parklea been a maximum security prison the inmates wander around like they are at a prison camp!

However after watching a documentary called "prisons for profit 18 months in Americas first prison sold for profit" I feel that it won't be best if the members of the committee watched this as every word and action is what has and is happening at parklea and to a lesser extent junees prisons and if allowed to continue will happen at your state run prisons if benchmarking is allowed to go unchecked!! I'd urge the members of the committee to watch atleast the first ten minutes of this disturbing but very real documentary!

Finally I feel it important the reason why parklea was privatised in the first place be known, and that is the then commissioner wanted to reform the system and the then union delegate clashed at this reform! In fact the then commissioner was that confident private prisons were not working he offers the union junees if these reforms were agreed upon!!

As I said 20 years of experience is talking when I make this submission thankyou