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

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FRANK TEREZINI MP.

Thank you for the opportunity of making a submission re Corrective Services for which I worked both in Prisons and on the Field after my daughter was killed and I had finished Mature Age University which I was attending at the same time as she happened to be.

I wish to point out that Cessnock Corr. Centre in which I worked from late 1973 to 1976 was a pattern for comparatively good rehabilitative work and the CEO was Mr. Noel Day who had refreshingly excellent ideas.

Nevertheless we really need to move on. If when we talk of privatising prisons we mean something of the quality of Private Hospitals then I agree. However, if it becomes a vehicle for making money and imprisoning more and more inmates then I don't approve. I feel that we should imprison only the most dangerous of prisoners without the wish for revenge that I have found most people feel.

In this way we are able to save money and put it where I believe it would do the most good. Caring for defective, dislocated families and getting therefore badly cared for children into places like DOCS etc (good quality care and training). I speak of this, and people say things like "How can you feel that way when you lost your daughter so horrifically." But just maybe, I wouldn't have lost her if the perpetrator and his parents had had guidance early in their life. His parents came to see me the next day and I remember feeling almost the same pity for them as I did for myself. They were deeply distressed and in tears and were the sort of people, especially the Mother, who would have responded to help.  
Thank you.