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

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I fully understand why consideration is being given to privatise gaols and for that matter other Govt. institutions. No matter what spin people put on this, it is to save money, otherwise you would never get a buyer.

I do personally know several people that work at Cessnock gaol, and the distress it is causing just cannot be ignored. While the men work at the gaol, their wives have jobs at local nursing homes, clubs etc, doing cleaning or whatever just to make ends meet. They chose to live there because of the cheap real estate and to get a secure Govt job will set them up for life. If they go on unemployment benefits, which a lot will, it will end up costing the taxpayers anyway.

It is just not practical to move to another area such as Grafton to work, the wife will have to give up her job & the chances of finding employment at their age is remote.

I understand that money can be saved in these & many other Govt departments, but to totally disrupt dozens of people's lives & make them move away from their family, children & friends does seem very Australian to me.