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In reply please quote:

Hon Brad Hazzard MP
Minister for Family and Community Services
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Dear Minister,

Re: Housing Privatisation

We refer to the Sydney Morning Herald article dated 14 August 2016 headed "*Detention Operator Serco Eyes NSW Public Housing.*" The article states that Serco, the company which runs detention centers is lobbying to take over public and community housing in NSW.

The article specifically states that Serco has told the Baird Government that it "... *should follow the British model of outsourcing to larger management companies.*" It states that Serco met with you in June. We note that in the article a FACS spokeswoman does not rule out Serco's involvement.

The Association is opposed to any privatisation of "Social Housing" and/or housing stock. We are particularly concerned about companies making a profit out of this essential service, which looks after some of the most vulnerable members of the community. Furthermore the Association is concerned about the job security and conditions of our members.

We seek an assurance that the NSW Government will not sell the current housing stock or community housing to Serco or any other companies that seek to profit from it.

The PSA seeks a meeting to discuss this issue. To make arrangements please contact Susan Emery on semery@psa.asn.au .

Yours sincerely,

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