

Prison Teachers Removal – Forum

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“Research highlights the importance of education as a very significant factor in reducing recidivism. Removing specialist teachers from the prisons as proposed by the Government **requires public justification after consultation** with all the stakeholders. The lockdown of prisoners in cells for over eighteen hours a day gives very little time for education, especially with the huge increase of imprisonment” said Community Justice Coalition President, the Hon **John Dowd** AO QC.

The Community Justice Coalition and the International Commission of Jurists will hold a **Public Forum on Prisoner Education**. It will be held in the **Macquarie Room, Parliament House** on **Tuesday the 23rd of August** at **5:30pm**.

Representatives of political parties and the NSW Teachers Federation will be on the panel. Corrective Services NSW officers present will clarify issues that arise.

"The difficulty of delivering **education to women** in prison is even more pronounced due to their smaller numbers and shorter sentences. It is essential that specialist teachers coupled with **in-cell technology** be available to improve their prospects for the future” said The Hon **Elizabeth Evatt** AC, ICJ Commissioner and former Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia.

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