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vs  
The WSP**  
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**Efficiency  
in  
Corrections**

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# An Examination of Efficiency, Community Pride and Reality in Corrections

- ❖ Research goal
- ❖ Impacts
- ❖ Assessments

# The Washington State Penitentiary at a Glance



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- ❖ Description of facility
- ❖ Description of local community
- ❖ Recent expansion

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# The Walla Walla Community



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# The Alexander Maconochie Centre at a Glance



# The Alexander Maconochie Centre at a Glance

- ❖ Description of facility
- ❖ Description of community

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# Prison Efficiency at a Glance

- ❖ Definition
  - ❖ Dollar Impacts
    - ❖ Construction
    - ❖ Operations
    - ❖ Local Economy
  - ❖ Social Impacts
    - ❖ Staff
    - ❖ Inmates
  - ❖ Future Impacts

# Facility Similarities and Differences

- ❖ Construction
- ❖ Legislative Guidelines
- ❖ Social Externalities
- ❖ Outcomes

# Measurement of Efficiency (Examples)

- ❖ Dollar Impacts
  - ❖ Construction
  - ❖ Operations
  - ❖ Local Economy
- ❖ Social Impacts
  - ❖ Staff
  - ❖ Inmate
- ❖ Future Impacts

# Models

- ❖ Theoretical Model of Perceptions
- ❖ Hedonic Model
- ❖ Empirical Model

# Conclusions and Future Work

- ❖ Both are efficient
- ❖ Both are inefficient
- ❖ Future work

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