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The privatisation of prisons or and security facet of prisons should be an abhorrent prospect for all Australians. In these economic times where we see the CEO of these private custodial companies helping themselves to huge salaries and bonuses we should remember those bonuses were made by meeting their kpis that is they cut the cost of running the prison and increased the share dividend to members. In every country where private custodial companies have been employed litigation has followed. I direct your attention to the very famous case of Yarlswood in the UK a privately run prison facility, who continuously understaffed its gaol cut services and the basic function of what prison is supposed to do and that is rehabilitate criminals. Yarlswood got so bad that the prisoners rioted. The private prison provider then sued the Metropolitan Fire and Police service for 100 million pounds and won. 100 million dollars of taxpayer's money gone to share holders overseas and big executive bonuses. The general problem with the NSW public prison system is that it has turned itself into a burgeoning bureaucracy that has taken on too much and ventured too far from its core function. That is to keep prisoners in safe humane custody until the expiration of their court order, and to assist that prisoner to reintegrate successfully into society. I can guarantee that a private contractor will not provide adequate staffing levels it will not provide the services and programs required to at least try to rehabilitate the prisoners because that would cut into their bottom line that would reduce profits that will go from our pockets offshore into the hands of others. With those profits will go wages and conditions of Australian employed at these facilities and with them will go a high percentage of successful rehabilitation rates. Surely Mr Robertson and co. has been informed as to the real reason that overtime is so high. It is because not so long ago the department of corrective services stopped recruiting frontline staff, then they set about creating all these senior executive positions. take long bay one gaol complex approximately 1000 inmates, it has 1 regional superintendent 180k+ a deputy regional superintendent 160k+ per year a regional tactician 140k+ a year, three General Managers 140K+ a year, seven managers of security 120K a year none of whom are doing any work directly involved with inmates other than administrative tasks....yet in the united states you have a gaol holding 2500 inmates operated by one warden and a deputy supported by the bureau of prisons. If the entire management structure is not dismantled and revamped to where core prison functions are returned to NSW. We will continue to see what is occurring now in NSW is pouring money into executive and senior executive salaries for which it gains no value. Those same executives who seek to blame frontline personnel for their own mismanagement. How can we have a head of a government department earning more than the premier of the state? Trying to run infrastructure that dates back to the 1900s.

NSW you have been duped by high end of town yet again by spin doctors and profiteers. Remember Yarlswood, who profited, who stood to gain. Why are their seven Assistant Commissioners, Regional Executive Directors, Directors Deputy Commissioners? Why is a frontline service of 3,500 dedicated officers facing danger every day overseen by an additional 3500 administrative staff and a Senior Executive Service who seeks to blame them for their own mismanagement. Woodhouse where are you now. It's the old saying not enough workers and too much management. By the way in relation to overtime a manager must approve that every day