To Whom this concerns
Good Morning

I am writing this letter of concern about Security both at a State and Federal level as I don’t believe security is really taken seriously with what as a security provider I have seen over quite sometime. With border force I raised a concern in Port Lincoln about Asian students On student Visas working in a ladies nail and beauty shop, the nearest University would be Whyalla or Adelaide. These people are still working here paying Tax??.

Port facility’s, in minor ports Seamen can come ashore move freely around townships and return to there vessels without any checks. I was told at a security conference that this was going to be addressed. I believe minor Ports are soft targets if any terrorists were going to commit crimes against Australia. International seamen I believe should be screened at the base of the gangway both leaving and returning to there ships. I know with the Covert Viras people are restricted to there vessels but this will end soon God willing and the time we have these sort of problems could be addressed.

The next point I have is our water supply and the way security has dropped off as I have witnessed as a provider. For example In the last few years SA Water have cut there patrols of critical infrastructures from one patrol of Bore fields per day to only one per week, and now we are finding gates left open fences cut where unauthorized people are entering. This I find hard to understand as there does not seem to have any importance placed on security. SA Water have not replaced a local Manager after the retirement of the last one which run a tight ship. This manager made sure fences, gates and any other problems were resolved. This unfortunately does not occur as security has just about disappeared.

The local Hospital has no security especially when unruly patients are bought in, such as people with mental health issues, drug abuse, Alcohol abuse. I have been asked to approach our local Hospital by staff on several occasions which I have done and the directors have declined security. We have already had staff assaulted abused and nothing done to
prevent any of this. The other major hospitals on Eyre Peninsula such as Whyalla and Ceduna have security why not Port Lincoln, I would believe they have a duty of care,???.

I believe a lot of these problems in all areas such as our Ports, Water, Hospitals, and Schools can be sorted out with these different areas dealing directly with local security companies and not just giving contracts to major players who subcontract it out to local companies. Local companies are screwed down in price and the major players put large margins on the subcontractors prices. This never used to be the case years ago. I believe if the middle man can be cut out and departments took a bit more responsibility and gave contracts to Companies that actually carry out the work it would save Governments a lot of money which would be a responsible to the tax payers.

The last but very important part of this letter is why are the Australian Governments using Security Companies that are owned by International people and registered in the British Virgin Islands for example Wilson Offshore Group Holdings (BVI limited). MSS Security Company is owned by Security Intelligence Services an Asian Pacific security company, surely we have Australian Owned and Operated companies that can cover our security needs. We would not know what knowledge or intel these over seas companies gather maybe we need to change to protect our country that our fathers and for fathers fought to protect. I hope there can be some changes.

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