

We the member of \_\_\_\_\_ demand that the staff involved in the two hostage situations at MNCC and are off on workers' compensation are not penalised by the inadequate Workers' Compensation Act. The staff after 13 weeks will be reduced to 80% of their pay if they are unable to return.

These staff have been traumatised by an incident that the average worker will never experience. To be reduced to 80% of their pay, after 13 weeks off, will only impact on their mental health and possibly exacerbate officers with a significant psychological injury.

The staff need to be supported by CSNSW and this Government, not penalised for doing their job whilst keeping NSW communities safe.

If a paramedic, police officer or fire brigade officer was held hostage and systematically beaten for an extensive period of time or witness a fellow worker being treated in this manner they would not be affected monetary wise as these officers are going to be.

The members believe the risk to our safety, and incidents like this, is why Prison Officers should be recognised as front line emergency workers in line with Paramedics, Fire Fighters and Police.

The POVB will do continuous industrial action to highlight the inadequacies of workers' compensation for Correctional Officers and that we are not recognised as Front Line emergency workers.

We expect the affected officers to be supported, monetarily wise, and that they do not drop to 80% of their wage after 13 weeks.