



New South Wales

Workers Compensation Amendment (Protection of Injured Workers) Bill 2017

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are as follows:

- (a) to remove restrictions on the entitlement of a worker to make a “journey claim” (that is, a claim to receive compensation for a personal injury received on a journey between the worker’s home or other place of abode and his or her place of employment),
- (b) to remove restrictions on what constitutes suitable employment for the purposes of a worker’s entitlement to weekly compensation by way of income support,
- (c) to remove the 5-year cut-off period for weekly payments of compensation to injured workers,
- (d) to remove a provision that limits the payment of an injured worker’s expenses for medical, hospital and rehabilitation treatment and services to treatment and services provided within 12 months after a claim for compensation is made or within 12 months after weekly payments cease,
- (e) to make it an offence for an employer to dismiss, at any time, an injured worker because the worker is not fit for employment as a result of the injury.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 amends the *Workers Compensation Act 1987* to give effect to the objects set out in the Overview.