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2022 review of the workers compensation scheme to hold first hearing on 8 September 2022

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The Upper House committee conducting its regular review of the workers compensation scheme will hold its first public hearing on Thursday 8 September 2022.

The hearing will commence at 11.15 am at Parliament House in Sydney and may be watched live online at <u>www.parliament.nsw.gov.au</u>. Witnesses include unions, industry representatives, mental health research organisations, business associations and the Independent Review Office.

The Chair of the Committee, the Hon Chris Rath MLC, stated, "The committee completes regular reviews of the workers compensation scheme, as required by legislation. This review is particularly focusing on the increase in the number of psychological claims. The Committee is looking forward to hearing from a range of stakeholders as we gather evidence on how the workers compensation scheme is presently operating".

Mr Rath noted that the committee will also be meeting privately with a number of injured workers. He continued, "We appreciate the opportunity to speak directly with a number of injured workers and hear their perspective on whether or not the current scheme is effective and how it may be improved".

Information relating to the inquiry as well as the hearing schedule may be found at <u>https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2883</u>

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