

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

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Firstly I would like to establish the fact that we support the MTA submission. The current system is far too expensive, convoluted and inefficient. As a small business owner it impedes employment of new staff as the cost of employing extra staff is outweighed by the extra cost for the insurance. It also seems that some workers know the system better than the people running the schemes and take unfair advantage of employers and the insurance. This does have the total negative effect of being over cautious when the opportunity for extra employees arises.

Personally I have not seen any comparisons with other state systems but was horrified to find out we are paying 60% more than most other states. No wonder we can't compete !

I am not happy at all with the system especially pertaining to injured workers *lack of* treatment. On some occasions I have had personally paid for a worker to attend a chiropractor after weeks of Workers Comp treatment that had failed to rectify a problem and have sorted it out in one or two visits. It seems the system is closed off and is only to benefit the people applying the so called treatment. My own son who worked in the landscape industry at the tender age of 23 had to have back surgery only 4 weeks ago and has been trying to call the doctor and his work cover contact ever since. The poor kid has gone back to work not knowing what he should be careful off or even how to look after his back.

It is time for changes the current system does not work as it should !!!!

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