

INQUIRY INTO NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

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The threat of a 28% increase in Workers Comp premiums is a worrying threat to my small business. I WILL NOT SURVIVE. Surely the threat should be directed at the incompetence of the scheme to get injured people back to work and off benefits. How can the insurers, doctors and lawyers make decisions about a workers fitness to return to work, when they have no idea on the type of work they do. There is little consultation between these beneficiaries and the employer to minimise claims cost. Why would they, the longer it goes the more they make! The scheme has very poor incentives for encouraging early return to work. Why are NSW premiums so much higher than Vic, and QLD.? Any increase would close my business and put another 8 people out of work. Why can we get sportman back on the field in a short time with much more severe injuries than a worker with a sore wrist.