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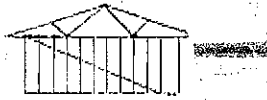
INQUIRY INTO NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

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My Name is Hank Heller, I currently own my own business called Wingham Frames & Trusses and have been in business for over 33 years. I'm writing to you Re: Submission on changes to the NSW Workers Compensation Scheme.

We have been informed that NSW Workers Compensation Scheme is in major deficit and that the government is contemplating raising workers compensation premiums up to 28 percent.

Why would this be happening when as an employer in NSW we already pay on average 20 – 60 % more than employers in Victoria and Queensland?

As a company we struggle every day to make ends meet and to keep our workers employed, so in turn they can provide for their families.

It's very difficult as an employer as far as managing claims, because as an employer we virtually have no say in a case. The referring doctor does all of the management of the case and as an employer we are told by the doctor, the claimant and the insurance company what to do, our opinion and say does not count.

As a company we were currently paying approximately \$25,000 pa and have not had a major claim for over 20 years. Recently we have had 3 claims and our insurance repayments have now sky rocketed to \$35,000 pa, PLUS we also have to pay an additional lump sum on top of this of \$14,000. Please advise how does this sound fair?

I hope you take note of this letter and I'm sure the many letters you will be receiving from employers of NSW. Increasing premiums will do allot of damage to NSW along with loss of jobs and the shutdown of many businesses.

Regards,

J.H. Heller
Managing Director
Wingham Frames & Trusses Pty Ltd