

INQUIRY INTO NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

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Why not try cutting out the bullshit. I was told that 99% of all claims are accepted, which would mean if you claim it happened at work - it did! If you injure yourself outside work, then come to work and your injury is 'exacerbated' then work is responsible. The scheme isn't designed to be 'fair and reasonable' it is designed to allow anyone to claim a work place injury. People go to their doctor and say 'it happened at work' and they initiate a workers comp claim. The system is designed to help people with injuries attribute them to the workplace regardless of where or how they occurred. Surely an employer should only be responsible for work place injuries. You can claim for hearing loss against a company if you have spent any time in a noisy environment, even if you are an active member of a gun club, do drag car racing and go to high noise volume concerts. The company would have to prove it didn't occur on their premises. They don't to prove anything! Make a sytem that is fair to both the employer and employee and you might have something that works. At the moment it is completely one sided, so it will never work.