

Mr Karl Nash

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To Whom to May Concern,

My name is Karl Nash, I have been a chef for 33 years and in that time never been injured up until late 2008 – early 2009. Before my injury I was a hard worker, putting in long hours with an average of 60 hours per week and never getting paid overtime for it.

My injury occurred in a large country , where I was employed as the Executive Chef, in this club there were no Occupation Health and Safety Practise in place and we were always under staffed. Due to middle management being incompetent, I suffered a severe shoulder and neck injury.

If you take away any of the entitlements that are in place now, then I would find it very hard to get all the necessary medication and treatments required, as well as being able to live. As it is, at the moment with what I get paid from the insurance company I am only just getting by. Since my injury I have been losing \$1000 a week in wages plus any super that I would be getting.

I am currently always fighting with the insurance company for reimbursements of medication and getting them to provide the recommended treatments to help with my recovery, as they try to pay as little as possible and do as little as possible to get injured works back to work, believing that they know better than the specialists they send you to.

Currently my stress levels are very high because of this and my doctor is concerned with me going into depression, by taking away these entitlement my stress levels and the chance of me going into a depressed states are going to get worse.

Why should injured workers be punished for the miss management of funds by Government Departments, we are already stragglng, why make it harders for injured workers to get back to work?

Regards

Karl Nash