Submission No 245

INQUIRY INTO NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

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Dear Mr O'Farrell,

It is with some concern that I read in the media that there is a proposal to diminish the entitlements of the unfortunate and damaged people who are constrained to be part of the Workers Compensation process.

I suffer from a work related injury and am now disabled. At present I work 3 days a week and receive a very modest pay make up payment, which allows me to meet some essential needs.

I have attempted to engage in other work but on a number of occasions after many rejections (who wants to employ anyone with an injury) I was forced to resign due to pain caused by the work.

It has now come to my attention due media reports there is an intention to deny her the very modest make up pay she receives (for which I need to undergo demeaning continuing medical assessments).

I find the proposal to reduce or take away the compensable entitlements of damaged, unfortunate and powerless workers is reprehensible and demeaning.

I would welcome your response.

Kind regards,

Danielle Harland