

**Submission
No 326**

**INQUIRY INTO NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION
SCHEME**

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workerscompinquiry - Proposed changes to Workers Compensation entitlements

I wish to voice my concern and opposition to the proposed changes to Workers Compensation entitlements. As an injured worker, since 1999, my family and I would be greatly impacted by these changes. I am no longer able to work in my previous profession nor work full time hours due to injuries received over two workplace incidents. It is hard enough to support my family, as a single mother of two teenagers, under my current circumstances. I rely completely on my workers compensation payments to pay the mortgage on our family home (taken out before I was medically retired). I work in community welfare now and have no hope of earning part time, anywhere near what my previous pay had been. I would certainly lose our home and we would be rendered homeless if my workers compensation payments were cut. I have tried very hard to rehabilitate as much as possible, but I am left with 2 permanent disabilities. There are many workers much worse off than myself, who would lose a lot more than their home with these proposed changes. The government needs to look after those who have worked hard for this country and are honest, diligent people, not seeking to bludge, but just survive after work accidents and injuries. I urge you to seriously consider the impact of these proposed changes and not just seek to cut costs and reduce the budget surplus. This country needs a healthy economy but also relies on the people of this nation to exist.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Vicki Johnston