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**INQUIRY INTO NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION
SCHEME**

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I write to voice my concerns about the potential changes to workers compensation currently being considered by the O'Farrell Government.

When I travel to and from work, I expect to be covered by workers compensation if I'm in an accident. But under the changes being considered, workers will not be covered on their journey to and from work. This seems a huge step backwards for the people of NSW.

I also expect that if the worst should happen and I get hurt at work, my pay and my medical bills will be covered until I get better. But under the O'Farrell Government's proposed changes, all of that is at risk.

The reason we need good workers compensation is because most people could not afford the consequences of a catastrophic accident on their own.

Barry O'Farrell says he needs to cut workers compensation benefits to fix his budget. He also says workers compensation costs businesses too much money. But according to the Government's own research, workers compensation premiums have fallen 33% in the past seven years, saving NSW businesses \$1 billion a year.

I'm concerned that these changes will only benefit insurance companies, at the expense of injured workers.

Instead of cutting injured workers benefits, the Government's focus should be on preventing injuries in the first place and strengthening requirements to provide suitable duties so injured workers can get back to work as quickly as possible.

I urge you to support these kinds of initiatives instead of improvident cuts to the rights of injured workers.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Davison