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## **INQUIRY INTO NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME**

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I would like to pass on my thoughts on the proposed increase in workers compensation Premiums to reduce the huge deficit the state has.

We are struggling to keep up with premium increases, over the past two years we have had our premiums increase from \$110000.00 to over \$300000.00 because of two main claims ,  
The first claim was a back injury that has had operations with no return to work in sight.  
The second was an injury that happened playing basketball after hours and the claim was lodged more than 6 weeks later, when the employee had used all sick and holiday leave, then applied to centrelink they sent him to a doctor who told him he should claim workers comp as his job would have contributed to his condition and of course the claim was excepted and the he is still off work some 10 months later.

The problem is, as soon as you mention Workers Comp most Medical, Legal, and rehab peoples eyes light up and have a whole new approach to how much treatment is needed and in my opinion milk the system for all they can get.  
The employer who is paying the Premiums has no say in it at all and continues to pay the premiums.

Increasing the price of the premium is not the answer. The system is in need of a major overhaul, the only thing that will happen with further premium increases is small and medium size business will wind down or close down.

Please give this serious thought as the proposed increases will sent industry backwards

Kind Regards

Andrew Knight (Director)

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