

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

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Dear Mr Borsak MLC,

I am writing in regard to the proposed changes to workers compensation.

- Reducing weekly payment and medicinal benefits
- Reducing lump sum compensation for permanent injuries and in some cases ending the availability of lump sum compensation altogether.
- Ending workers compensation protection currently afforded to workers injured on the way to and from work
- Reducing financial help to families of workers who have died as a result of their work

This is wrong, the right of the injured worker should be protected, but because of poor administration by workcover and insurance agents that manage the claim, the injured workers are going to be worse off than they already are. This is poor management by workcover and not the fault of the injured worker. The Government needs to address the overspending and waste by workcover, not reduce benefits and cut vital medicinal and rehabilitation support.

I am a 52 yr old woman, who has worked half her life to support her family. In 2006 everything changed for the worse. I injured my back at work and ever since then I've suffered chronic pain and leg weakness, my whole lifestyle has permanently changed. I rely on assistance for all my daily need from ie, carers, friends that includes driving as I can no longer drive because of my injury. Now the Government wants to make it harder by cutting my access to medicinal support and reducing my benefits/weekly payments, I can barely manage as it is now, less money means an even poorer lifestyle, poorer health, poorer access to health services. If this proposal goes forward, I and many others will be worse off. I strongly urge you to protect the benefits of injured workers and please do not take away our basic rights. Yours faithfully