

INQUIRY INTO NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

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Our company is supportive of a fair and sensible reform of the existing NSW Workers Compensation scheme. We understand the importance of having a strong, effective scheme in place for our business success, and for the safety and protection of our employees. However we feel strongly that a workers compensation scheme must work equally and favourably for both **employers** and employees. We have seen many instances whereby the existing system favours employees who may not be motivated to return to the workplace whilst on workers compensation; and the frustrations that we experience, along with the time, resources and ultimately dollars that we must devote to these cases, does not make for an impartial, workable and successful scheme for employers.

Further, talk of an increase in the already exorbitant premiums currently being paid by NSW businesses is untenable; and our company strongly opposes any such increases. NSW premiums are already substantially higher than premiums paid in Victoria and Queensland. How on earth will businesses in NSW be able to exist successfully and profitably with further premium increases - which in all likelihood would be unnecessary if a fair and sensible reform of the current system took place??