

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

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Dear Sir

The Government is currently in the process of making drastic changes to the compensation laws and I would like to oppose these changes. I could address these changes but prefer to tell you what it is like to experience an injury and be unable to return to work or resume the life that you have now lost possibly forever. Bearing in mind that people do not go to work and say "Today I'm going to be hurt at work", and that employers have little regard to workers safety and when a person is injured they are then viewed as a criminal and faced with the task of being interrogated constantly and labelled as a malingerer.

If you are considering these changes you are obviously not aware of the pain and suffering, the financial hardship and the possibility that everything you were able to do is no longer possible.

Please, look on the internet and you will see that people are suffering and see no prospect of a future consider suicide, people losing their homes, financially ruined and suffering, how can the Government with a clear conscience consider reducing any benefits when the reality is it should be helping people not hurting them.

We are Australians and Australians always helped one another and the Government that should be caring for its citizens as a parent looks after a child is now sadly lacking in the care and consideration that you should be giving to those less fortunate.

Yours sincerely

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