

## **REVIEW OF THE EXERCISE OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE WORKCOVER AUTHORITY**

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I have lived with this injury since 1999 and it is very clear that it is not going away. I will have to continue to live with the injury and the pain it causes permanently. I personally know the limits of my injury and in the past 14 years I have ensured that I have not placed the injury at risk of further damage. However, the changes in legislation put me in a very difficult position. On one hand I cannot afford financially to lose \$250 a week. I have already used up all of my reserves (e.g. super) in order to put myself in a financial position where I can survive with my current income. Conversely, my injury prevents me from working any longer hours and therefore prevents me from earning the money to replace the \$250 which I will lose. This is the position I have been put in due to the new legislation. It is either risk further damage to my injury by working longer hours or suffer even more financially (which has already occurred since my injury). In my opinion I believe this legislation is unfair and leaves me and I'm sure many others in a problematic situation. It seems ridiculous that I am expected to understand and respond to this new legislation without the right of acquiring legal representation. So, it is for these reasons (and many more) that the new legislation must be changed. It is unjust, inexcusable and undeserved to all those genuine and innocent people on the receiving end of this legislation.

What should I do??!! you tell me.

**Thank You**