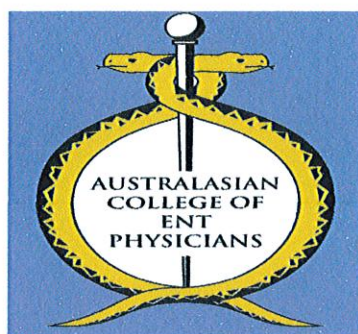


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INQUIRY INTO NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

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Submission to the Parliamentary Committee enquiring into to the NSW Workers Compensation Scheme

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Dear Honourable Committee Members

This enquiry is made by the Australasian College of ENT Physicians, the body of Ear Nose and Throat Specialists who specialise in non surgical conditions of the Ear Nose and Throat Discipline. This is a not for profit organisation whose membership includes many Approved Medical Specialists dealing with Workers Compensation affecting the ear nose and throat (www.acentp.org.au).

We believe that any effort to alter the current guidelines into Workers Compensation for injuries affecting the health of workers should include for consideration by the Parliamentary Committee submissions made by the experts in the particular medical field or the specific bodily system concerned.

For instance, submissions should be requested for injuries caused to the ear nose and throat area and in particular, industrial deafness, from the Australasian College of ENT Physicians. With respect to other bodily systems, submission should be sought from specific colleges and / or the Approved Medical Specialists of the Workers Compensation Commission for that particular discipline.

In other words, submissions should be requested from Specialists who are practicing in the Workers Compensation system and approved by the Workers Compensation Commission of NSW.

This College is writing to ascertain any proposed changes to the law with respect to ear, nose and throat conditions including industrial deafness. We are concerned with the effect of any changes in the law upon workers health.. If you can give us an idea of what you have in mind, our college will be able to make comment to send to you for your final consideration. If given a guide as to your thoughts, we can make some specific comment to assist your understanding.

Yours Sincerely

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