

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

**Name:** Mr Jason Broadbent

**Date received:** 17/01/2014

---

## RE JASON BROADBENT WORKERS COMPENSATION LAWS

In 2009 I was injured at work, through no fault of my own. I have a shoulder injury and I can no longer do my job as a scaffolder or find a secure job (any job) due to my injury. I am unable to do any manual labour due to my shoulder. This has made my life very hard financially and emotionally. It has affected my wife and daughter emotionally. I had to move out of my home I was paying off with my mother and father, to rent elsewhere, so that my parents could keep the house as I could not afford too, because the insurers do not pay anywhere close to my earnings when I was working. Before my injury I was in good spirits with a well-paying job, enjoying going away with my friends and family, and my wife working a couple of days a week, and being home for our daughter.

Now I am in the new system of workers comp it gets worse, I will be cut off my payments in three months, this has happened before only a week over turned the decision and that is why I have three months of payments coming in, I went to Centrelink to see if I was entitled to any help when I was cut off my payments and no they cannot help me as my wife earns too much money? She only earns around \$470.00 a week, so what is my future going to hold for me and my family? I feel the people that make these new laws are out of touch with injured workers and their families. Putting them in poverty is not the answer.

Jason Broadbent