

## INQUIRY INTO NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

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#### To Who it May Concern

I am a nurse of 25 years I have been on work cover for about 3 years, the money is sometimes not enough to get by on as it is. Constantly getting reminder mail to pay bills. Let alone trying to live on less. When considering I hurt myself because there was nobody to help me at work when I injured myself, then the ultimate indignity to take what basic crumbs they throw our way. I am back at work 3x4 hours a week, I have times where I can work full time but unable to lift and have to take daily norspan, cymbalta, panadiene forte, and panadol oesteo' for my pain. Then there are the repercussions for having to take such medications. I see a psychiatrist for the pain and depression and attended a pain clinic. When somebody gives their work the best part of them and I have never been afraid of work, and they throw this at you, an ultimate indignity and on the scap heap. This effects all parts of my life both working, driving a car for good distances, my home life. cleaning of the house mental and emotional health etc; I tell you this because like you I am a living human being. Mr O'Farrell, he wants to get a part of the highway fixed and yes it should be fixed but it appears this is only because he lost his mother in-law who died on it. It is sad to lose someone in such a horrendous way and I don't and wouldn't wish it upon anyone, just as I don't wish poverty on workers who have been genuinely hurt, injured and loss of function due to low staffing and through no fault of their own. Mr O'Farrell I wonder if your family were injured like this would you be able to survive on what you expect others too. I hope he has food for thought. Don't treat the workers of the hospitals, police etc: in such disrespect for their years of service. Like the highway these areas also need FIXING. I know this should only be sent out to the Minister for Health as this is the area in question, but I send this to all of you, as areas such as Health need to be upgraded and staff need to be valued for their years of service. Please when you vote on this through parliament consider the anguish and hardship put on these families who had served their workforce well, and are injured usually through no fault of their own.