

**FIRST REVIEW OF THE WORKERS COMPENSATION  
SCHEME**

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Dear Parliamentarians, I would like this question asked of the review. Why as a seriously Injured Police officer with 42 percent whole person impairment (accepted by insurer), who was exempt from the 2012 changes, but however, regardless of the exemption are punished further as the 2015 changes to injured workers with the highest needs does not apply to me. IE, I am not entitled to the higher payment, I am continually sent to IME's and IMC's costing tax payers in excess of \$1500 per assessment, only for the assessment to backfire and not be worth anything to the insurer, due to my high whole person injury to my back. I have endured two major operations and a significant amount of conservative treatment, which to date is not long lasting. I am in need of another fusion in my lumbar spine, yet still the insurance company continue to send me to doctor after doctor and ignore the regulation changes for higher weekly payment, by stating "ohh you are exempt from the changes they don't apply to you". I understand the changes were put in place for a reason and police were exempt due to the high risk of injury and the TAL income protection put in place by the government. However, as you know TAL income protection is not for life it only lasts five years. So despite serving the community for 13 years as a Police Officer, and requiring two major surgeries with the possibility of another two major surgeries, I am being punished. My living expenses in Sydney are not cheaper than everyone else who is a high needs injured worker, so why the discrimination.

Yours Faithfully Marie HART