

**FIRST REVIEW OF THE WORKERS COMPENSATION
SCHEME**

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Dear Committee,

As administrator of The Forgotten 300 & 000's Facebook support pages for the past 4 years, I have been involved with listening and reading the hundreds and hundreds of tragic stories of injured Police, emergency services and veterans and their families secondary damage.

The most disturbing and dangerous aspects of the current system I have experienced are as follows;

What I call, 'Cash for Comment', so-called private insurance industry Independent medical Examiners who continue to fraudulently misrepresent reporting on the cases of injured workers for their own ongoing financial gain from the Insurance companies.

All of the current attitudes to and the practices and procedures of the insurance of Insurance company employees towards the injured worker.

Industry practises of delay, delay, delay in requested medical treatment and operations, based on their own Cash for Comment doctors and so-called specialists.

The Governments of the day continually hiding behind the private insurance industry to balance the treasury managed funds at the expense of the injured workers.

The abuse and threats by these so-called Rehab providers who are briefed to focus on getting injured people back to some hours at any cost, instructed by the insurance companies, regardless of injuries and fitness for employment.

I have been informed by EML Insurance they have incentive programmes for the company and case managers to get people back to work quickly.

Inexperienced case managers and total lack of supervision by mid-level management.

Disgraceful amount of unethical conduct by Insurance industry case managers and other employees.

Various stalling and delaying tactics by the insurance industry employees, their Cash for comment doctors and specialists and lawyers, and the court system.

Many suicides due to their personal treatment of denial and delays and tactics used via the current workers compensation system and court system to frustrate and prolong the agony.

Unacceptable attitude of this Liberal Government toward the injured worker, especially the blatant resistance to accept PTSD and other mental illness as being work related in the Police, emergency services, and veteran personnel.

The 'Gravy Train' attitude by all stakeholders involved in the injured worker's case from the reception of an injury to the court of appeal.

I have a lot more information I'd like to share with the committee and would appreciate being called to give verbal submissions and answer questions.

Kind Regards,

Berrick Boland

The Forgotten 300 & 000's, Admin.