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Dear Secretary

RE: Review of Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation and other Legislation Amendment

The Queensland Teachers' Union represents more than 47,000 members in state schools across Queensland, from preschools to year 12. The QTU is of the opinion that the proposed amendments are not only reasonable but sensible and will not have a detrimental impact on workers. Specifically:

- The proposed legislative amendments are focused on injured workers, particularly those with psychological or psychiatric injuries.
- The amendments have been proposed with the intention of not only improving the experience for injured workers but also clarifying existing provisions and simplifying delivery of the scheme.
- A number of the proposed amendments are mutually beneficial to all parties including the insurer, employer and injured worker.
- An example of this being the insertion of Part 4, Chapter 5A. The insertion of section 232AB stipulating the insurer's responsibility for providing support to workers with psychiatric or psychological injuries is of benefit to the employer by improving return to work outcomes, to the insurer by lowering long-term medical and rehabilitation costs and to the injured worker by providing timely access to support and treatment when needed.

In conclusion the QTU supports the changes to the bill.

Yours sincerely

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