

We have some concerns regarding work cover.

Recently one of our staff was involved in a motor vehicle accident caused by another party.

Our worker suffered an injury and could not come to work. Our vehicle was written off completely.

Our worker claimed on work cover and they have paid all his medical expenses and operations as well as covering his wages. It has been determined that his injury prevents him from returning to work.

Our premium has increased from \$20 000 to \$50 000. We had to employ a replacement staff member and to purchase another vehicle. We are having difficulty understanding why we are forced to pay an increased premium to a monopolised insurance provider.

Thank you for setting up a committee to consider Workcover. Can we respectfully request from you that your party investigate and recommend and enquiry into;

- a) The ability for companies to have a choice of insurer, similar to motor vehicle third party which would offer fairness and competitive premiums
- b) Transparency or freedom to information regarding prospective employees work cover history, in line or similar to criminal history checks or motor vehicle REVS check
- c) Develop a work place health and safety compliance scoring system which would relate directly to employer worker insurance premiums in turn creating safer workplaces.

We believe companies would benefit from savings provided by initiating choice of insurer.

We believe companies would be able to afford to employ additional staff.

We believe a work injury history check would reduce the number of frivolous claims and work cover cheats.

We believe QLD would become a more attractive place to do business over other states

We believe this would reduce red tape and lost productivity.

Thank you for your time.

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