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Finance & Administration Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane QLD 4000



Dear Sir/Madam

My name is Catherine Lee Ferstera.

I understand that the Common Law Claim process is to be reviewed.

I sustained an injury to my right shoulder on 4 October 2006 when I was operating a faulty and defective piece of equipment. I applied for and was successful in receiving Workers' Compensation benefits and these benefits ceased once my condition became stable. As the injury was caused by what was proven to be negligence on behalf of my employer I was able to access common law compensation. This ensured that I was adequately compensated not only for the losses that I incurred but also losses that I was likely to incur into the future.

The common law settlement ensured that I was not disadvantaged financially as a result of the injury and that I was able to avoid severe financial hardship for myself and my family.

I have been able to make a return to employment albeit in an ongoing modified capacity.

The compensation that I received was fair and reasonable. It was not a windfall or reward for being injured. It compensated me for my losses.

I believe that the system that compensated me was in all respects fair and deserves to be preserved.

Yours faithfully

Catherine Lee Ferstera

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