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Finance & Administration Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane QLD 4000



Dear Sir/Madam

My name is Bryan Harold Morgan.

I write this correspondence by way of submission to the inquiry into possible changes to the system for Workers' Compensation claims and common law claims.

When my common law claim was settled I was required to sign an agreement which ensured that all of the terms of the settlement remained confidential. Accordingly I am not able to divulge to you the amount of the settlement. All I can say is that I was happy with the terms.

I sustained an injury to my lower back on 14 August 2008 when I was forced to perform repetitive tasks over a period of time without adequate assistance and rotation of duties. 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 and ensured that I was not disadvantaged financially as a result of the injury. This meant 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. I am fortunate however that I have received compensation that adequately protects me for the risk that I find myself unemployed as a result of the injury I sustained. I would hate to think that others in the future who were injured through the negligence of their employer would not have access to the same system which ensured that I was justly and fairly compensated.

Yours faithfully

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