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The Research Director
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Parliament House
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Dear Sir / Madam

RE: YOUR REVIEW OF THE QUEENSLAND WORKERS' COMPENSATION SCHEME

My name is, Allen Peaker and I understand that the Queensland Government is reviewing the Workers' Compensation Scheme that operates in Queensland. I am a single parent who has had a number of work injuries over the years. This Compensation Scheme allowed me to return to work. These injuries have seriously affected my ability to return to and continue to work. WorkCover assessed my impairment at 0% and I was concerned about my ability to continue working. I understand that the Government is considering reviewing this system such that if your injury is assessed at zero percent (0%) that you would not be able to proceed any further with a claim for damages for personal injuries.

Under the scheme in place at the time of my injury, I was able to proceed with this claim and the money I received assisted me greatly in ensuring my future.

If I had been injured at work and unable to return to my normal employment and your Government changed this legislation to prevent me from pursuing a claim I would have been in dire straits.

I simply ask that my Government consider the low income earners of this State and ensure that the Workers' Compensation Scheme in place in Queensland remains. The aim of Workers' Compensation Legislation is to ensure that injured workers are able to get back to work. It is not always possible to do that and even minor injuries such as mine could prevent a worker from getting back to work.

I would ask that you ensure the workers of this State are protected and not change the Workers' Compensation Scheme that to date is working.

Should you or my local member wish to discuss my concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0410 050 237.

Yours faithfully



Allen Peaker

22/7/12

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