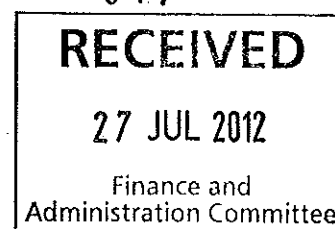


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Dear Sir / Madam

RE: YOUR REVIEW OF THE QUEENSLAND WORKERS' COMPENSATION SCHEME

I understand that the Premier and my Government are in the process of doing a review of the State based Workers' Compensation system.

On 4 February 2009, I suffered what WorkCover would describe as a minor impairment due to a work injury. I was assessed as having a 3.40% work related injury. As result of this injury and my employers negligence, it has caused a severe disadvantage to me. As a result of the accident I was advised that I may require future surgery. The cost of this surgery in todays terms is between \$25,000 and \$38,000. This future expense to me was more then the offer WorkCover made to me. I chose to sue my employer in negligence.

As I was able to pursue a negligence claim against my employer I was able to recoup what I believe to be quite a modest settlement sum but at least this has provided me with the financial resources to fund any future treatment I may require. I will also require time off work which will be at my own expense.

In the circumstances, I believe any changes that would prevent what WorkCover would describe as minor injury being able to proceed with a negligence claim is unfair.

I understand that the system we have in Queensland is working well and is not costing the Government any money as it is fully paid for by premiums raised from employers. I believe employers that complain about their premiums should understand that if they have a safe system of work then it would not be possible for a negligence claim to succeed. After all if the system of work is safe, there would be no chance of succeeding in a claim. Those employers that have multiple claims should look at their systems of work because surely injuries should be able to be avoided if they have a safe system of work.

I simply ask that the above is taken into consideration when doing your review. Should you or my local member wish to discuss this matter with me, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0412 489 186.

Yours faithfully

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