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The Research Director
Finance and Administration Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Sir / Madam

I understand that there is a proposal to have the Queensland Workers Compensation System reviewed. I also understand that there is a move to disentitle injured workers to compensation if their injuries are assessed with a low degree of impairment.

I was assessed at 0% for my lower back injury and having worked for Energex for 35 years I was subsequently sacked. I was devastated by this and it took me a long time to get over being treated in the way I got treated after sustaining an injury resulting from the negligence of my employer and particularly after serving that employer for 35 years.

Despite being assessed at 0% impairment I pursued a common law claim and got some compensation.

To think that my children and my grandchildren may not be entitled to compensation, God forbid, should they get hurt is extremely concerning.

I am aware that the system is working at present such that there is no debt. Why not keep it that way. I implore that the Review Committee or whoever is in charge of this review take my circumstances into account as it just does not seem fair to compromise the rights of the injured workers.

Yours faithfully
The De Wilhins

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cc: Mr Andrew Powell

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