

Disability Care and Support Inquiry
Productivity Commission
GPO Box 1428
Canberra City ACT 2601

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Dear Sirs

I write in relation to the reference made to our work¹ in Chapter 15 (page 15.30) with respect to “impacts on recovery and health outcomes” in the current draft of the Disability Care and Support Scheme. I would like to make the Commission aware of correspondence in relation to this study. The correspondence² contains some criticism of our work—in relation to the assumptions that we applied—to which we have replied³. Our reply has also sought to describe some of the limitations in extant studies on the effect of changes in compensation scheme design on health outcomes. I believe the discussion in these letters may be of interest.

Sincerely,

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1. Spearing NM, Connelly LB. Is compensation “bad for health”? A systematic meta-review. *Injury* 2011;42:15-24
2. Re: Spearing and Connelly. Is compensation bad for health? A systematic meta-review: *Injury* 2011;42:15-24. *Injury* 2010 Dec 15. [Epub ahead of print].
3. Spearing NM, Connelly LB. Response to Cassidy JD, et al. *Injury* 2011 Jan 14. [Epub ahead of print].