

Benefits

Max payable 130 000

Victoria continue if no work capacity even till retirement.

Medical - No limit

SA

Tas ACT NT

Commonwealth

NSW 50 000

Or directed by workcover

WA has lowest figure

Superannuation - NSW VIC

Injury physical or mental

Payments Qld	5 years or 127 100
ACT	Benefits continue whilst unfit
VIC	Retirement age
NSW	
SA	
ACT	Cross border jurisdictions

In WA if over 30% Disability Common law damages access has been stifled ...
extremely difficult to settle

Payments of reports witness by injured worker

- Improved workplace safety and adequate compensation to injured worker
- Consistent benefit structure including income replacement (no loss of super and medical and related costs).
- Significant human suffering.
- Too many inequities and loopholes going against worker
- Effective rehabilitation.

- Need for national framework and a body who oversees all states maintain fairness to injured workers.
- Extended financial sector regulation model. Workers compensation "rates" ridiculously high, eg. Cat scan private rate \$256 and workers comp \$520.
- OHS needs to be combined to assess situation and form basis of claim and educate employees on safety standards.
- Medical costs unlimited in most states, here in WA 37 000 with possibility of \$50 000 extension - My medical money ceased in December 2000 after surgery and I still owe funds and cannot seek medical assistance as workers comp rates too high.
- Common law damages -> national framework and fairness can be established. Not one person getting receiving 1.2 million. I have a permanent disability but because here in WA too difficult a process
- All cases should be settled prior to wage running out. My salary allowance ceases in September but the court date may not be until February 2004.

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