

Improved Workers Compensation Package Welcomed

Unions today welcomed the reforms to Tasmania's workers rehabilitation and compensation legislation which passed through the House of Assembly last night.

Unions Tasmania Secretary, Simon Cocker said:

"These reforms will improve the levels of care and compensation injured workers receive."

"The Workplace Relations Minister is to be congratulated for pursuing these improvements which will ensure that injured workers are better supported when they return to work and are paid more appropriate rates of compensation while off work."

"The step-down provisions that currently operate have been shown to be unfair and place injured workers and their families under financial stress at a time when they are often struggling to cope with the impact of a serious injury."

"Delaying the step down and softening its financial impact is an improvement."

"The new Return to Work and Injury Management Model is a significant step forward."

"Better management of the period when injured workers are returning to work should deliver improved health outcomes as well an increased number of workers successfully returning to the workforce," said Mr Cocker.

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