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The Secretary of the Committee
Standing Committee on Employment and Workplace Relations
House of Representatives
Parliament of Australia
CANBERRA ACT

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Dear Secretary

Re: Inquiry into Aspects of Australian Workers' Compensation Schemes

The Rehabilitation Providers Association WA Incorporated (RPA WA) represents service providers of Occupational Rehabilitation and Prevention activities throughout Western Australia.

The RPA WA was incorporated in 1988 and its members have significant experience in workers' compensation matters particularly in dealing with the interface between stake holder groups, ie. Insurance companies, governments, statutory authorities, injured workers, doctors, and employers.

RPA WA members would be involved with up to 6000 new workers' compensation cases per year in the Western Australian system. In addition, RPA WA members service the needs of Comcare cases in this state.

The RPA WA is also an affiliate member of the Australian Rehabilitation Providers Association Incorporated (ARPA), which represents the occupational rehabilitation industry nationally. RPA WA has two representatives on the ARPA council.

The RPA WA executive and its members fully support and endorse the position paper presented by ARRA to the enquiry into aspects of workers' compensation being conducted by the House of Representatives Employment and Workplace Relations Committee.

The issues raised in the ARPA submission and the recommendations for improvement are consistent with those encountered by RPA WA members within Western Australia. However, should the enquiry wish to seek personal representations on issues specific to the Western Australian worker's compensation system, the RPA WA would be pleased to assist in this regard.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Carmody', is written over the typed name.

ADRIAN CARMODY
PRESIDENT RPA WA