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To whom it may concern,

I [REDACTED] am wishing to make a submission to the Senate Inquiry into Australia Post's treatment of injured and ill workers. At this time I am still awaiting copies of my compo files from Australia Post (AP) and my case files from [REDACTED] so unfortunately this submission may be a little brief and lacking in exact dates and quotes, but all should be available if a more detailed account is required in the near future.

A brief outline of my case so far: Injured right shoulder after coming off postie bike [REDACTED]/2005 attend my own doctors and put on restricted duties. Directed to see FND who varies but continues restricted duties. My claim is rejected based on my medically untrained Delivery Manager's opinion that I had a pre-existing shoulder condition and AP tries to non-stat me. I appeal to the AAT and engage [REDACTED] as my solicitors. AP drags out the tribunal process by deferring hearings and claiming to seek further evidence. Finally AP offer to settle out of tribunal, offering me surgery in exchange for converting a number of LTI'S into normal sick leave, an offer I agreed to on advice from my solicitor. I finally have my first surgery, a SLAP repair of right shoulder with decompression and stabilization, in [REDACTED] 2007. FND returns me to work in 3 weeks, while still in a sling and unable to drive or dress myself, on full hours to sort mail with my non dominate left arm. Eventually returned to bike delivering duties, only to have the surgery fail, and have second bigger operation with only a 50% chance of success in [REDACTED] 2009. Currently required to attend work for 6 hours per day to share maybe 3 hours worth of work with another long term rehab, spending a fair portion of my time chasing up constant pay issues (I believe I could have being under paid as much as \$15000 over four years). AP is now in the process of shopping around for a medical opinion to right me of the postie bikes permanently so that they can re-staff my position. I am currently seeing a psychologist on a regular basis to help me deal with stress, anxiety, and motivational issues I am now dealing with caused by the last 4 years of compo hell.

I believe at least a few of the points of reference have being touched on above. I wish I could be more detailed but due to the lack of paperwork and current psychological issues this will have to do for now, but I am more than willing to talk further if you feel that I could be of some assistance.

Yours Truly

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