



### Senate Enquiry Submission

I am a specialist in occupational medicine, practising in Merrylands in Western Sydney. I have been in this practice for 13 years and have been 17 years as a specialist in occupational medicine. My clinic is a large, multi-disciplinary team. We have been providing injury management for Australia Post through the InjuryNet program.

My experience in this area is in clinical and primary care services. We practice evidence-based medicine. Research shows that early return-to-work and to usual activities is beneficial for most musculoskeletal problems. Our approach is to provide best practice in medical care for the workers and an early return to work.

Our experience has been positive in this program. I have visited various Australia Post facilities and have had the chance to deal with a range of people in the organisation.

I have not had any significant difficulties dealing with the injured workers and generally find that if workers are supplied with good medical care they will rehabilitate promptly. We do spend a good deal of time ensuring that they can access good injury management services and are supported in the return to work process.

I believe it is beneficial for them to see doctors who have a special interest in occupational medicine and rehabilitation.

I would be happy to clarify this if required.

Yours sincerely

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