

Submission

To: Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Standing Committee

From: Sarah Reed

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1. I, *Sarah Jane Reed*, of _____, seek to make the following written submission to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Standing Committee with regard to The Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fair Protection for Firefighters) Bill 2011.
2. My personal message to you as legislators and elected politicians is:
My Dad, Robert Reed was my best friend in the whole world. I was the definition of a "Daddys girl". He was perfect to me in every way possible, he was kind, funny and seemed to have the answers to any questions I had. That is one of the things I miss the most about him, knowing that he was always there to answer my questions and help me whenever I needed him. I have been told plenty of times that I am just like him, we would always joke around with each other and have so much fun. He made me who I am today. Every day I would wait for him to get home from work and when I heard his car I would run and open the door for him and say "Greetings from the door!" and his face would light up, no matter how hard his day was. He was such a happy person, never letting anything stop him from smiling. Sunday mornings with dad were the best, I would wake up to the sound of him singing "good morning, how are you? It's nice to see your face!" I'll never forget the day dad found out about his cancer, we were sitting on the lounge and he broke down crying as he told us the bad news. It is crushing to see your dad and hero break down like that. The whole time he was sick my life didn't seem real, still to this day I refuse to accept the fact that he is gone. I find myself numb and scared of life, I can't enjoy things that I used to without him here and I am constantly struggling with his loss. Losing my dad was the worst thing that could possibly happen to me. I wouldn't wish the pain I feel upon anyone and I hope that by expressing my thoughts about this it will help other families going through similar situations.

3. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information -
Sarah Reed,