

Subject: Inquiry into funding and operations of the CSTDA
Supplimentary Submissions

To Secretary Humphery
Senate Community Affairs Standing Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT

Dear Sir,

The Gippsland Carers Association Inc, made a supplementary submission relating to issues raised in the evidence that we gave at the Melbourne Hearing on the above matter and emailed to you on 16th October 2006.

We seek to provide the Committee with further evidence on the Issue of Workers Compensation, third party liability, imposed upon family carers.

Information has come to hand that the newly formed State and Territories " Council of the Federation" have an Agreement to the "Harmonisation of Workers Compensation and OH&S Arrangements."

This is clear evidence that the ramifications upon unpaid family carers for third party liability (when a paid care workers in injured in the family home) are likely to spread nation-wide.

We attach the Government Document for your information and draw your attention to the Workers Compensation and O&HS Agreement at pages 15 and 16 of the document.

We beseech the Senate Committee to hear the voice of unpaid family carers of people with disabilities, and ask that you take action to protect family caregivers for workcover third party liability.

This threat to care in the family home has enormous ramifications for the future of the governments reliance on families to provide the bulk of such care not only to people with disabilities, but also to persons of all ages handicap and frailty .

yours sincerely,

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