

Appendix 4

Examples of premium increases

Extracts from submission 40, New South Wales Department of Sport and Recreation

Insurance Register		
Date	Organisation	Issue
25-Jan-02	Surf Life Saving Central Coast	24% Public Liability Insurance increase
26-Jan-02	Snowy Mountains Fly Fishing Advent	Rise in Public Liability from \$600 to \$2500 - 317% increase
26-Jan-02	The Big Banana	Rise in Public Liability from \$39,900 to \$140,000 in one year
22-Jan-02	AFL	Premiums Soared - Community Football Clubs crippled by hefty increases
22-Jan-02	Melbourne Show	Public Liability increase 300% in three years
21-Jan-02	ANZ Championship Golf Tournament	100% Public Liability Insurance Increase from \$15,000 to \$30,000
22-Jan-02	ANZ Championship Golf Tournament	Reduction of insurers from 19 globally to 5 globally for sporting events
21-Jan-02	Brisbane Cricket Ground	Public Liability increase 70% in three years
11-Jan-02	NSW Dept of Education	Public Liability increase from \$25mil to \$44mil in one year
01-Jan-02	Australian Water Ski Association	Cancellation of Speed and Marathon Water Ski Race on Lake Jindabyne after insurance jumped from \$300,000 to \$1.2million
22-Jan-02	Moore Park Riding Stables	Private Coaching, coaches must pay own public liability insurance. No cover provided by Equestrian Federation
14-Jan-02	Skateine Roller Rink - Newcastle	Closed after Public Liability Insurance rose from \$8000 to \$86,000
02-Jan-02	Oakdale Farm - Port Stephens	Forced to stop offering Pony Rides after Public Liability Insurance increased from \$7,500 to \$20,000. This was decreased to \$13,000 if pony rides were withdrawn.
02-Jan-02	Tomteland - Port Stephens	Increase in Public Liability from \$7,800 to \$54,000 increasing entry costs
02-Jan-02	Annual Billy Cart Derby - Parkes	Cancelled due to high insurance costs
02-Jan-02	Wheelbarrow Race - Forbes	Cancelled due to high insurance costs
02-Jan-02	Toronto Boat Hire	Forced to withdraw catamarans, canoes and row boats from Lake Macquarie due to rising insurance costs.
02-Jan-02	Parasailing	Operators on the NSW coast forced to drop Parasailing because of insurance costs
02-Jan-02	Country Rugby League	Fees increased from \$150 to \$200 as result of increased insurance costs
09-Dec-01	Mudgee Carols by Candlelight	Cancelled due to high insurance costs
09-Dec-01	Gymnastics Clubs	Increase in Public Liability from \$110 to \$900 for clubs -small clubs cannot afford the rise
09-Dec-01	Epilepsy Association	Told to make camps non participatory (no activities) to be insured
19-Dec-01	Bicycle NSW	Increase in fees from \$38 to \$69 to cover Public Liability Insurane increase
19-Dec-01	ORIC	Premiums increased for operators of up to 400% in 12 months
04-Feb-02	Muskerry Moto Park	Closed after unable to get Public Liability Insurance.
01-Feb-02	Canberra Soccer	Public Liability increased from \$18,000 to \$77,000 in one year. Personal Accident Insurance increased from \$53,000 to \$78,000 in one year.
01-Dec-01	NSW Wrestling	Unable to get Public Liability Insurance due to perceived dangers
13-Jan-02	Central West Horse & Trail Riding	Public Liability increase \$12,265 for a 5 million dollar cover, \$18,315 for a 10 million dollar liability cover
29-Jan-02	Cronulla Sharks	Public Liability increased from \$247,000 to \$347,000 in one year.
26-Jan-02	NSW Waterski	Cancelled the Annual Hawksbury Bridge to Bridge
05-Feb-02	Surf Life Saving Aust	Urges Federal gov to protect clubs from being sued. 284 clubs Public Liability premiums over 5 yrs at \$600,000 per an
05-Feb-02	Bondi Cole Classic	Massive increase in Public Liability costs due in June 02 may cancel the event
06-Feb-02	Country Rugby League	Reported 300% increase in liability insurance to \$800,000
11-Feb-02	Moama Water Sports Club	Raised insurance costs for this years Southern Eighty Ski Race
11-Feb-02	Bathurst Council	Advised by broker that they will no longer be able to provide cover for sporting or community organisations
12-Feb-02	Wollongong Sea, Surf and Sail Festival	Cancelled unable to pay Public Liability increase cost
15-Feb-02	Shoalhavens horse riding instructor	May be forced to close because of massive public liability insurance
20-Feb-02	Australian Parachute Federation	Premium rise from \$127,000 to \$1.1 million
20-Feb-02	Gymnastic Clubs - SA	Four Clubs closed due to inability to pay Public Liability Insurance
20-Feb-02	Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association	May have to cut staff to pay for premium rise from \$6,700 to \$76,000
20-Feb-02	Triathlon Australia / Illawarra Academy of Sport	Wollongong Traffic Services Unit (NSW Police) requested \$25 mil in PLI for event in Wollongong. Reply was that the \$10 million PLI in place was the standard for a triathlon event. Traffic Authority were happy with the standard.
23-Feb-02	Pambula Show	Cancelled - unable to afford \$5000 Insurance for one off event
23-Feb-02	Tilba Festival	Cancelled festival due to Insurance bill jump of 600% to \$8000
23-Feb-02	NSW Waterski	2 Up Championship - Lake Illawarra cancelled - could not pay \$50,000 for one day event

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23-Feb-02	Collegians Rugby League	First Grade trial match against NZ expatriate side cancelled due to one side being unable to guarantee insurance and standard cover did not apply.
18-Feb-02	Martis Balloon Festival - Canowindra	Insurance increase from \$13,000 to \$30,000 for annual event
20-Feb-02	Cirkus Elixir	Unable to perform as they cannot afford the increase of Public Liability Insurance to \$2,000 pa. The troupe has a total income of \$2,500 pa
23-Feb-02	AFL	Insurance Companies refuse to insure a player with a congenital neck problem even though experts have cleared him to play.
19-Feb-02	Councils	Problems with PLI for community facilities and small community groups that utilise these facilities. Is it possible for these groups to come under an umbrella policy to ensure their survival.
25-Feb-02	Council Rock Pools	May face closure unless life guards are in place 24 hours a day
04-Mar-02	BMX	Tracks closed in Canberra due to organisations not being able to get PLI.
06-Mar-02	NSW Sports Council for the Disabled	Increase of \$5000 this year for Public Liability Insurance
06-Mar-02	NSW Hockey	Trouble securing PA and PL Insurance - Current underwriter not willing to quote. Quotes from other insurance companies are up 400% on last year. Thus the cost per player for PLI is up from \$1 to \$4 per player.
06-Mar-02	Skydiving	Premiums have risen from \$127,836 in 1999 to \$420,000 in 2001 and are facing not being able to get insurance cover at all this year. One major problem is large payouts such as one woman with over 50 jumps, who broke her back. Her payout was over 1 million dollars but she has since walked the himalayas and had a child.
06-Mar-02	Judo NSW	Looking at the possibility of obtaining national coverage rather than State by State. Looking at possibilities due to large increase in cost in Qld on renewal and expecting same in NSW when renewal due.
06-Mar-02	Rugby League	Sydney Roosters are unable to find an underwriter for general and professional indemnity for their coaches and assistant coaches. This is not a problem at Junior level.
06-Mar-02	Swimming	Underwriter included an exclusion relating to diving to PLI policy upon renewal. This exclusion stipulated that no diving was permitted from the shallow end of the pool. No definition of shallow end was applied, thus excluding diving from the shallow end at the Sydney Aquatic Centre despite the depth of the shallow end being considerably deeper than minimum requirements for diving. It is believed that the exclusion was in response to an interstate claim.
06-Mar-02	Equestrian	PA has gone from \$7 to \$34 per person and they are unable to get PLI
06-Mar-02	Shoalhaven Soccer Association	Increased PA Cover for all ages plus the Soccer Australia Levy may prove to be a problem
06-Mar-02	Shoalhaven Rugby Association	Problem with ARU coverage - doesn't really cover the players that well. Extra PLI is taken out at a local level. Cost increase up 12-13%.
06-Mar-02	Snowy Mountains Muster	Cancelled due to high personal accident insurance costs for riders.
07-Mar-02	South West Dance Club	GIO will not reinsure them
07-Mar-02	Regional Academies	Increased cost in Work Cover Payment due to sport being classified high risk. Many sport administrators are desk jockeys and thus the cost is excessive for this category.
08-Mar-02	Triathlon ACT	Cost of coverage increased 10 times from \$180 per event to \$2000 per event
05-Mar-02	Netball	Kevin Humphries - Called re public liability insurance increase - directed to NSW Netball
12-Mar-02	SANFL (AFL)	Meeting with AFL to discuss blanket policy as premiums are up from \$15,000 to \$33,000
12-Mar-02	Australian Horse Riding Centres NSW	Trail riding and Lessons will be too dangerous to offer under the current climate
12-Mar-02	High Adventure Air Park Laurieton	If insurance problem is not sorted out within 12 months many small tourist operators will close
12-Mar-02	Blue Light Discos	400% price hike on Public Liability Insurance
12-Mar-02	Inverell Scottish County Dancers	Disbanded due to Public Liability Insurance Costs
09-Mar-02	Anzac Day March - Picton	Insurance for Parade up from \$80 to quoted between \$757 and \$2500
07-Mar-02	Gundagai and District Sport and Recreation Club	Forced to close it's doors due to brokers not being able to obtain a quote for insurance
09-Mar-02	Kiama Jazz and Blues Festival	Broker cancelled insurance due to underquotation 45 minutes prior to the first event. A new broker had to be found immediately and the cost rose from \$600 to \$8000 for the event to go ahead as planned. The organisation did not have the \$8000 to cover the cost but asked the public to chip in to assist.
09-Mar-02	Tumbarumba Show	2002 last year due to increase cost of Public liability insurance.
09-Mar-02	Tooma Gymkhana	Cancelled
09-Mar-02	Tumbarumba District Horse Riding Schools	Blamed skyrocketing insurance premiums for their demise
13-Mar-02	Scone Shire Council Pool	Possible forced closure due to broker not renewing the policy. Management structure changed to cover pool lessee under Council Policy temporarily. Pool may not be able to reopen next season if insurer is not found.
15-Mar-02	Council Pools - Hunter Region	Councils who contract their pool management out are finding it hard to get public liability insurance. Council who do not contract management out are covering under the PLI for assets (including roads and parks)
15-Mar-02	Coughlins Swim Centre Warners Bay	Increased PLI from \$13,000 to \$16,500

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15-Mar-02	Arnolds Swim Centre - The Junction	PLI tripled to \$17,000 this year.
15-Mar-02	Coolamon Chamber of Commerce	Folded due to increase of PLI
15-Mar-02	Tumalong Hall Committee	Insurance rise to \$2000. Double the annual income of the hall.
15-Mar-02	Deniliquin Stampede	Events cancelled due to increased PLI costs
15-Mar-02	Deniliquin Sport and Entertainment Centre	May close due to PLI Increase - Met with local swim centre to discuss future of both venues.
15-Mar-02	NSW Cycling	Aspiring Olympians may be left without venues to train if a solution to the public liability insurance dilemma is not found. The Race of the Future(Canberra to Goulburn) - cancelled due to rising cost of PLI.
15-Mar-02	Peninsula Chamber of Commerce	Insurance costs have increased from \$1000 to \$8000. Outside event coordinators may have to be brought to transfer the liability from themselves to the event coordinators.
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