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Campaign launch: CTP Changes Adding Insult to Injury

A state wide campaign highlighting the key benefits that will be lost under the NSW Government's proposed changes to CTP Green Slip Insurance was launched by the Law Society of NSW and the NSW Bar Association today.

"CTP Changes: Adding Insult to Injury" aims to increase public understanding of the key benefits currently covered by their CTP Green Slip insurance.

President of the Law Society of NSW, Gary Ulman, said that behind the headline of reducing premiums, the Government is set to slash cover.

"Only a few people in the community are aware what little coverage and support they will get if under the proposed changes that are due before Parliament in a matter of days," he said.

"In most cases benefits will be slashed after as little as five years, including compensation for past and future lost earnings, medical treatment expenses, and family care and support - all of which is available under the current CTP Green Slip scheme.

"We are concerned that under the NSW Government proposal which is a modified "no fault" scheme, there will be upwards of a staggering 7,000 at fault drivers claiming benefits each year, putting a huge amount of additional pressure on the scheme and reducing benefits for those who are not at fault," he said.

President of the NSW Bar Association, Mr Noel Hutley SC said that under the current proposals, for example, loss of earnings would be restricted to 5 years and capped at 1.5 time Average Weekly earnings.

"This is particularly harsh for those who are injured but who have a long working life ahead of them. It also singles out those who rely on their physical fitness to earn a living – such as tradespeople," Mr Hutley said.

"Under the proposed scheme most benefits will also be drip-fed to injured motorists for limited periods by the insurers and based on a complex and rigid system that doesn't take account of people's personal or family circumstances," he said.

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Mr Hutley said the scheme also restricts access to legal assistance will also be denied for up to 90 per cent of injured motorists.

“Injured motorists should be able to access expert help to get the benefits they deserve and not left to fend for themselves against well-resourced insurance company representatives,” he said.

The Law Society of NSW, the NSW Bar Association and other stakeholders have put together an alternative proposal that will reduce fraudulent claims and deliver savings on CTP green slip insurance without slashing the benefits of injured motorists and their families.

The state wide campaign features brochures, posters, social media and newspapers advertising and will be run out over the coming weeks.

Further information is available at: www.lawsociety.com.au/ctpreforms

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