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## DOMINELLO MUST GUARANTEE: NO WORKER OR MOTORIST WILL BE WORSE OFF FROM DISPUTE RESOLUTION CHANGES

The NSW Labor Opposition today called on the Berejiklian Government to immediately guarantee that no injured worker or road user will be worse off under their proposed new Personal Injury Tribunal that will consider disputed compensation claims.

Labor was responding to Minister for Customer Service Victor Dominello's <u>decision</u> to establish a single personal injury commission to hear workers compensation and CTP disputes.

Labor's Shadow Minister For Finance, Small Business & The Gig Economy, Daniel Mookhey, said the Berejiklian Liberal Government's record on Workers Compensation raised serious doubts about its intentions.

"Every time the Berejiklian Government wanders into the worker's compensation system proposing reform, workers finish worse off.

"This government takes pride in cutting income support for injured workers, limiting a worker's rights to return to work, and arbitrarily removing injured workers from the system after five years.

"Minister Dominello must immediately guarantee that the specialised expertise in dispute resolution, which has taken decades to develop in the workers' compensation system, will not be lost. His new tribunal must be modelled on 'return to health' principles."

Labor's Shadow Minister for Better Public Services Sophie Cotsis said Minister Dominello must guarantee that the tribunal will put injured motorists first. "Labor will scrutinise these changes with a fine tooth comb.

"Since coming to office in 2011, the Liberals and Nationals have repeatedly made changes which disadvantage injured motorists and workers.

"We are concerned this announcement will be used as an excuse for the Government to cut costs, which will make it harder for injured people to access compensation."

"The Berijiklian Government has always walked away from challenging the power of big CTP insurers - it's why insurer super profits are the biggest cost NSW motorists face when renewing their premiums.

"Minister Dominello must make it crystal clear: his new tribunal won't be dominated by big insurers."

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