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Dear WCA Review Committee,

The informed impression I have of WCB practice, not necessarily policy, is one of inconsistency, capriciousness and, in too many cases, outright callousness in dealing with worker's illness and injury claims. This is from many years of observation.

The most disturbing aspect to this is when an adjudicator shows more concern with the interests of the Board and their own costs, or the employer, than they do with the welfare of the claimant.

Where a reluctance to return to work quickly by a worker is often met with the suspicions and hesitation of the Board's officers to maintain the claim (suppression), the question really ought to be whether anyone should hurry back to a workplace which has injured, maimed or sickened them.

Moreover, the hasty return of someone not fully recovered from their ailment can be a crackerjack way to extend or even worsen their illness or injury. A moronic idea.

Culpability, on the other hand, if there is any to be had, might sometimes have fallen on the employer but who is usually excused simply by their payment of WCB premiums. The Board, on the other hand will regularly lean on their policy, the Act, and any cooperating doctors to relieve themselves of some needed accountability. Or overly pumped up 'pre-existing conditions', again with which they might absolve themselves any responsibility.

This is by no means is a complete condemnation of all decisions made by the WCB but a strong caution that any bad decisions such as I've outlined can have a ruinous effect on sickened or injured workers, often at their most vulnerable. Those bad decisions then, must be minimized to their utmost. In my opinion, any upcoming changes to the Act (or WCB policy for that matter) must address these points much more seriously than they have in the past.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely,

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