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SYNOPSIS

STRESS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY – HOW TO COMPENSATE? Andrew McInerney

Key words: Accident compensation, workers compensation, stress claims, psychological injury

Purpose of your paper: To examine the available literature on stress claims and psychological injury, which is to be used as an evidence base in considering how such claims should be compensated.

Synopsis: Claims for stress and/or psychological injury have been a focus of much attention in both workers compensation and CTP schemes in recent years.

The high cost of these claims and difficulties in proving or disproving compensability and severity mean the focus on these claims is likely to continue.

The paper will develop a proposal for how such claims should be compensated, and what should and shouldn't be considered when making such decisions.