

# Mr lemma, Mr Debnam, Enough is Enough

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Since the '*A Fair Go For Injured People*' campaign commenced in September last year, more than 200 victims have come forward to speak out against the Government's failed compensation system.

Driven by the country's peak legal bodies, the campaign will today enter its second phase with volunteers and injured people distributing information in Martin Place to educate the public about the impact of the laws.

A regional television advertising campaign is also being launched, which will reach more than 3 million viewers across NSW.

Campaign spokesman and President of the NSW Bar Association Mr Michael Slattery QC said the compensation system had failed the people it had been designed to protect.

"The evidence speaks loud and clear. While injured people are missing out on adequate compensation, green slip insurers are making a windfall in profits.

"Since 1999 green slip insurers have collected a staggering **\$10 billion** in premiums and in the same period only **\$2.7 billion** was paid out in benefits to the injured," said Mr Slattery.

"The Government's own workers compensation scheme has raked in a massive **\$3 billion** in just 3 years, largely due to restricting access to benefits for injured workers.

"There is enough room to transfer some of this money back to those who are in need of it most – the injured.

"But it beggars belief why after all this time no action has been taken by either party to correct the gross injustice.

"Our position is not only fair but reasonable and has been reaffirmed in a bipartisan report which uncovered major flaws in the state's compensation system.

"Mr lemma, Mr Debnam, enough is enough. It's time to listen to the people of NSW and take the necessary steps to address this pressing issue," Mr Slattery concluded.

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**Notes to Editors:** Those who have been affected by the injustice of the current system will be available for interviews on **Tuesday, 6 February 2007** at **12:15pm**, Martin Place (near Lindt Café).

## A Fair Go For Injured People



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