

Stay-at-home Mums and Dads Sacrificed First

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Stay-at-home mums and dads in NSW are being left out in the cold because of harsh restrictions to compensation claims for motor vehicle accidents.

Speaking as part of the 'Fair Go For Injured People' campaign NSW Bar Association President Michael Slattery QC said home-based mums and dads were suffering as a result of harsh personal injury laws.

"More than 90 per cent of those injured in motor vehicle accidents in NSW are prevented from accessing compensation for pain and suffering," Mr Slattery said.

"People like home-based mums and dads who don't work for pay are the hardest hit because they can't claim for loss of earnings. Compensation for pain and suffering is the only way that they can get assistance to continue living a normal life but this is denied to them by these harsh laws," he said.

"The plight of injured people in NSW is in stark contrast to the fortunes of CTP greenslip insurers, who have raked in an enormous 27 per cent profit on premiums or \$372 million per annum paid since 1999.

"This has occurred despite the Motor Accident Authority (MAA) suggesting that profits of between four and six per cent would be considered reasonable.

"NSW laws prevent some of the most vulnerable people in our community from accessing fair compensation. This includes mums and dads who stay at home with the kids, and those who are unemployed.

"The Government and Opposition must act now to address this injustice. The size of insurer profits clearly demonstrates that there is room to give injured people a fair go.

"Right now, the message sent by these laws is that in NSW, if you are caring for kids or someone else, you are a second-class citizen in the eyes of the Government and Opposition," Mr Slattery concluded.

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