

Case Study: Alicia was teaching our kids to swim

Alicia

Twenty-two-year-old Alicia, an occupational therapy student, was injured four years ago while working as a part-time swimming instructor.

Her hand and wrist are now badly clawed, and she needs regular medication and injections.

As her injuries prevent her from driving or taking public transport, Alicia is forced to rely on her mother, boyfriend and sister around the clock for transport to medical appointments and university.

While she hopes to become a qualified occupational therapist, Alicia is aware that her injuries may prevent her from performing some of the more physical aspects of her chosen work.

This will have a substantial impact on her career prospects.

Alicia may recover over the course of 10 years but she will never return to her pre-accident state.

Despite this, her injuries did not pass the

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required threshold, which means she can't sue for fair compensation under New South Wales' harsh laws.

A lump sum payment would have helped Alicia improve her quality of life.

“I just want a fair assessment and to get better,” Alicia says.

The legal barriers to fair compensation in New South Wales are too harsh. They need to be changed.

Contact your local MP to make your views known. Nothing will change unless you take action.

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