

# Case Study: Clinton Faces a Lifetime of Suffering

## Clinton

**T**hirty-one-year-old Clinton was working as a furniture removalist in May 2005 when he was instructed by his employer to carry a baby-grand piano, weighing about 250kg, with a fellow worker.

Clinton felt his back give way while lifting, and sat down immediately. He notified his boss, who gave him the day off.

The next day he came back to work on light duties and then spent the weekend recovering.

The following week he was unloading a 5kg sideboard when he felt a series of five clicks in his back. His legs went numb and he had pain down the lower back. He was off work for 12 weeks.

Clinton underwent numerous tests which confirmed severe lower back injuries and other complications.

Despite the seriousness of these injuries, Clinton has been unable to recover any compensation for his pain and suffering.

He had no choice but to quit his job as he couldn't perform his duties without aggravating the injury. He was unable to find

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work until February 2006 and will continue to lose substantial income for the rest of his working life.

Clinton is angry with the current system as he feels that he did not receive adequate compensation for the financial loss he has suffered and for the pain and disability he has to deal with for the rest of his life.

It's time to restore fairness and consistency.

The legal barriers to fair compensation in NSW 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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