

# Case Study: Dusan was just trying to earn a living

## Dusan

In June 2003, Dusan was badly burned while working at a fireworks factory in Sydney.

Due to a build-up of friction in the machine he was operating, a large amount of gun powder ignited, setting off a series of explosions.

Dusan suffered third-degree burns to about 70 per cent of his body. He was in an induced coma for two months and spent a further six months in hospital.

Since then, he has undergone constant surgery to replace skin that was burnt off during the accident.

Dusan's injuries mean he has very little mobility in his upper body. He needs care 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.

As Dusan's wife is now his primary carer, she is no longer able to work.

Before the accident, Dusan loved working with his hands, and enjoyed painting and woodworking. Now, he is unable to do any of these activities.

Had it not been for the changes made by the Carr Government, Dusan would have had a strong case against his employer for fair compensation.

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“I have been told that if I do sue my employer, I would be on my own when it comes to paying for the cost of my future care,” Dusan says.

“I simply can't afford to take that risk. Because of the accident I have lost everything.”

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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