

Case Study: Once Active Gino Stripped of Lifestyle

Gino

In 2002, a negligent P-Plate driver caused a motor vehicle accident that stripped Gino of his active lifestyle.

Just days before Christmas, Gino was travelling at 70km/hr when the P-Plater attempted to make a sudden right hand turn in front of his car. Less than 10m away, and with no time to brake, the two cars collided.

The impact was so forceful that the steering wheel on Gino's car was completely twisted and bent.

Almost immediately, Gino felt an ache all over his upper body. His neck and shoulders were sore, his chest was badly bruised and his hands began to tingle.

He was referred to a number of specialists who discovered his neck had two bulging discs, for which nothing could be done surgically. He also had a tear in his shoulder blade socket and his right wrist.

He now has limited use of his right arm, and continues to experience pain in his neck and shoulder.

Before the accident, Gino was extremely active.

He played competition ice hockey, went bike riding with his two children and took care of the physically demanding tasks around the family

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home, such as mowing the lawns. He is no longer able to do these things.

Gino coaches minor league baseball, but since the accident he is unable to demonstrate techniques to his players and relies almost entirely on verbal coaching.

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Under NSW laws, Gino is not entitled to compensation for the injuries that were a result of another person's negligence.

The legal barriers to fair compensation in NSW are too harsh. They need to be changed.

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

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