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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Queensland Workers Compensation Scheme

The Queensland Parliament has moved that the Finance and Administration Committee inquire into and report on the operation of Queensland's workers compensation scheme.

This is the first time that Queensland's workers compensation scheme will be reviewed by members of parliament in an open and transparent matter. Mr Boothman said "this is an important step which will give the community a voice on how the scheme operates in Queensland."

"In my electorate of Albert I would like to encourage local business owners and employees to actively participate in this scheme and together make sure our opinions are put forward. I do not want local business choked by excessive compensation premiums and want to make sure workers are receiving adequate cover."

The terms of reference for the committee are broad and allow for a comprehensive review of the scheme including;

1. How it compares to arrangements in other Australian jurisdictions
2. Reviewing the 2010 scheme reforms to address the growth in common law claims and whether they have helped to address the problem
3. Further structural changes to improve the efficiency, responsiveness and cost-effectiveness of the scheme
4. Whether being able to self-insure is a viable option in Queensland's contemporary workplace

The committee has requested that written submissions be made by 3 August 2012 as to allow consultation with key industry groups, professionals and relevant experts. The committee will submit their report on 28 February 2013.