

### New South Wales

# **Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2003**

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This Public Bill, originated in the Legislative Council and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Legislative Council



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## Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2003

Act No , 2003

An Act to amend the Workers Compensation Act 1987, the Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998 and certain other Acts to make further provision with respect to commencement of proceedings, dust diseases and injury notification; and for other purposes.

The	Legis	lature of New South Wales enacts:	1
1	Nam	e of Act	2
		This Act is the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2003.	3
2	Commencement		
	(1)	This Act commences on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.	6 7
	(2)	A proclamation under this section may appoint a particular time on a day as the time for commencement on that day.	8
3	Ame	endments	10
		The Acts and Regulation specified in the Schedules to this Act are amended as set out in those Schedules.	11 12

Scł	nedule 1		endment of Workers Compensation : 1987 No 70 (Section 3)	1 2 3
[1]	Section 8	7l Pav		4
• •	Omit section			5
[2]		51DA	Time not to run for commencement of proceedings	6 7
	Insert befo	re sect	tion 151DA (1) (a):	8
		(a1)	while the determination of the claim concerned is delayed as permitted by section 281 of the 1998 Act, but not including delay beyond 2 months after the claimant has provided all relevant particulars about the claim as required by section 281 (2) (b) of that Act, or <b>Note.</b> Delay in determining a claim beyond 2 months is only permitted on the basis that degree of permanent impairment in	9 10 11 12 13 14
			permitted on the basis that degree of permanent impairment is not fully ascertainable and the insurer has notified the claimant of this. In such a case, paragraph (a) of this subsection can apply (if a dispute about whether degree of permanent impairment is fully ascertainable is the subject of medical assessment) to further prevent time running for the purposes of section 151D.	16 17 18 19 20
[3]	Section 1	51DA	(1) (a)	21
	Omit the p	aragra	ph. Insert instead:	22
		(a)	while a medical dispute as to whether the degree of permanent impairment of the injured worker is at least 15%, or whether the degree of permanent impairment of the injured worker is fully ascertainable, is the subject of a referral for determination by the Commission or a referral for assessment under Part 7 of Chapter 7 of the 1998 Act (including any further assessment under section 329 of that Act), or	23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
[4]	Section 1	51DA	(1) (a2), (a3)	31
	Insert after	section	on 151DA (1) (a):	32
		(a2)	during the period of 1 month after an offer of settlement is made to the claimant pursuant to the determination of the claim as and when required by the 1998 Act, or	33 34 35

		(a3)	while an assessment under Part 7 of Chapter 7 of the 1998 Act in respect of a medical dispute referred to in paragraph (a) is the subject of a pending appeal under section 327 of the 1998 Act, or	1 2 3 4
[5]	Section 1	51DA	(6)	5
	Insert after	section	on 151DA (5):	6
	(6)	func of de dele	President may delegate to a Deputy President any tion of the President under this section (except this power elegation), but only if the President is satisfied that the gation is necessary to avoid a conflict of interest or the earance of bias.	7 8 9 10 11
[6]	Section 2 fund sche	08AA eme	Contributions by employers exiting the managed	12 13
	Omit section	on 208	BAA (6) (d). Insert instead:	14
		(d)	a licensed insurer must pay to the responsible insurer	15
			such amount as the Authority determines to be fair and reasonable,	16 17
[7]	Schedule	6 Sav	vings transitional and other provisions, Part 18F	18
	Insert as P	art 181	₹:	19
	Part 18l		Provisions consequent on enactment of 2003 amending Act	20 21
	1 Defi	nition		22
		In th	is Part:	23
			3 amending Act means the Workers Compensation slation Amendment Act 2003.	24 25
	2 Req	uirem	ent to produce records	26
		Act	quirement imposed under section 238 (2) (h) of the 1998 before the repeal of that paragraph by the 2003 amending continues to have effect as if that paragraph had not been aled.	27 28 29 30

	3	Reinstatement of costs provision in regulations	1
		The amendments made to the Workers Compensation (General) Regulation 1995 by the Workers Compensation	3
		(General) Further Amendment (Costs in Compensation Matters) Regulation 2003 are taken to have had effect on and	5
		from 28 February 2003.	6
	4	General operation of amendments	7
		Except as provided by this Part or the regulations, an	8
		amendment made to this Act or the 1998 Act by the 2003	9
		amending Act does not apply in respect of:	10
		(a) proceedings commenced in the Commission before the commencement of the amendment, or	11 12
		(b) a claim for compensation made before the commencement of the amendment, or	13 14
		(c) an injury received before the commencement of the amendment.	15 16
[8]	Sch	edule 6, Part 20	17
	Inse	rt at the end of clause 1 (1):	18
		Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2003	19

Scł	nedule 2	Ma	nendment of Workplace Injury Inagement and Workers Compensation t 1998 No 86	1 2 3
			(Section 3)	4
[1]	Section 4	4 Ear	ly notification of workplace injury	5
	Insert after	section	on 44 (4):	6
	(5)	prov emp with	regulations under section 160 of the 1987 Act may make vision for the prescribed excess amount applicable to an oloyer under that section to vary according to the time hin which the employer notifies the insurer concerned that orker has received a workplace injury.	7 8 9 10 11
[2]	Section 1	42 Re	egulation of advertising	12
	Insert "or 142 (1).	claim	as for work injury damages" after "this Act" in section	13 14
[3]	Section 2 Authority		owers of entry and inspection by officers of	15 16
	Omit section	on 238	8 (2) (h).	17
[4]	Section 2 evidence	38AA	A Power to obtain information, documents and	18 19
	Insert "or 238AA (1)		egulations under those Acts" after "1987 Act" in section	20 21
[5]	Section 238AA (8)			22
	Insert after section 238AA (7):			
	(8)	A pe	erson must not:	24
		(a)	without reasonable excuse, refuse or fail to comply with a requirement under this section, or	25 26
		(b)	in purported compliance with a requirement under this section, give information or evidence or produce a document knowing it to be false or misleading in a material particular.	27 28 29 30
		Max	ximum penalty: 100 penalty units.	31

[6]	Sec	tion 2	38B		1
	Omi	t the section. Insert instead:			2
2	238B	Prot	ectio	n from incrimination	3
		(1)	Self	-incrimination not an excuse	4
			or 23 inforthat or an	erson is not excused from a requirement under section 238 38AA to produce a document, record or statement, to give rmation or evidence or to answer a question on the ground the document, record, statement, information, evidence nswer might incriminate the person or make the person e to a penalty.	5 6 7 8 9 10
		(2)		wer, information or evidence not admissible if ection made	11 12
			natu secti the p	vever, any answer, information or evidence given by a ral person in compliance with a requirement under ion 238 or 238AA is not admissible in evidence against person in criminal proceedings (except proceedings for an ince under section 238 or 238AA) if:	13 14 15 16 17
			(a)	the person objected at the time to doing so on the ground that it might incriminate the person, or	18 19
			(b)	the person was not warned at an appropriate time that the person may object to giving the answer, information or evidence on the ground that it might incriminate the person.	20 21 22 23
		(3)	App	ropriate time for giving warning about incrimination	24
				appropriate time for warning a person as referred to in section (2) (b) is any of the following times:	25 26
			(a)	the time when the requirement to give the answer, information or evidence is made,	27 28
			(b)	in the case of evidence required to be given when appearing before an authorised officer, any time after the start of the appearance before the authorised officer,	29 30 31
			(c)	at or about the time immediately before the person gives the answer, information or evidence.	32 33

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Amendment of Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation

	(4)	Documents, records or statements admissible	1	
		Any document, record or statement produced by a person in	2	
		compliance with a requirement under section 238 or 238AA	3	
		is not inadmissible in evidence against the person in criminal	4 5	
		proceedings on the ground that the document, record or statement might incriminate the person.	6	
	(5)	Further information	7	
		Further information obtained as a result of a document, record	8	
		or statement produced or information, evidence or answer	9	
		given in compliance with a requirement under section 238 or	10	
		238AA is not inadmissible on the ground:	11	
		(a) that the document, record, statement, information,	12	
		evidence or answer had to be produced or given, or	13	
		(b) that the document, record, statement, information,	14	
		evidence or answer might incriminate the person.	15	
[7]	Section 3	23 Deduction for previous injury or pre-existing	16	
		or abnormality	17	
	Omit section	on 323 (5).	18	
[8]	Section 3	51 Reference of question of law on compensation claim	19	
,		ssion constituted by Presidential member	20	
	Insert after section 351 (7):			
	(8)	The President may delegate to a Deputy President any	22	
	· /	function of the President under this section (except this power	23	
		of delegation), but only if the President is satisfied that the	24	
		delegation is necessary to avoid a conflict of interest or the	25	
		appearance of bias.	26	
[9]	Section 3	63 Control and direction of members of Commission	27	

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Omit the section.

Schedule 2

Act 1998 No 86

[10]	Sec	tion 3	72	1				
	Omi	t the so	ection. Insert instead:	2				
	372	372 Control and direction of members of Commission						
		(1)	The members of the Commission other than the Arbitrators are, in the exercise of their functions, subject to the general control and direction of the President.	4 5 6				
		(2)	Arbitrators are, in the exercise of their functions, subject to the general control and direction of the Registrar.	7 8				
[11]	Sec	tion 3	74 Staff and facilities	9				
	Omi 374		t 2 of the Public Sector Management Act 1988" from section	10 11				
			tead "Chapter 2 of the <i>Public Sector Employment and</i> ent Act 2002".	12 13				
[12]	Sec	tion 3	74 (3)	14				
	Omit "Public Sector Management Act 1988".							
	Inse	rt inste	ead "Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002".	16				
[13]	Sec	tion 3	74 (5) and (6)	17				
	Inse	rt after	section 374 (4):	18				
		(5)	The Department Head of the Department in which staff of the Commission are employed may delegate to the Registrar any of the Department Head's functions under the <i>Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002</i> with respect to those staff (other than this power of delegation).	19 20 21 22 23				
		(6)	For the purposes of section 12 of the <i>Public Finance and Audit Act 1983</i> , the Registrar is taken to be an officer of the Department in which staff of the Commission are employed.	24 25 26				
[14]		tion 3 ceedir	75 Constitution of Commission for particular	27 28				
	Inse	rt after	section 375 (3):	29				
		(4)	The Registrar does not constitute, and does not exercise functions as, the Commission (except when acting as an Arbitrator pursuant to the Registrar's power to exercise the functions of an Arbitrator).	30 31 32 33				

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Schedule 3			Amendment of Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000 No 40		
				(Section 3)	(
[1]	Sect	ion 39	9A		4
	Inser	t after	sectio	on 39:	
	39A	Civil	liabil	ity under regulations	(
				regulations may provide that nothing in a specified ision or provisions of the regulations is to be construed:	<del>-</del> 7
			(a)	as conferring a right of action in any civil proceedings in respect of any contravention, whether by act or omission, of the provision or provisions, or	10 11
			(b)	as conferring a defence to an action in any civil proceedings or as otherwise affecting a right of action in any civil proceedings,	12 13 14
			prov	he failure of the regulations to so provide in respect of a ision is not to be construed as conferring such a right of on or defence.	15 16 17
[2]	Sect	ion 6	5 Prot	ection from incrimination	18
	Omi	t "on t	hat oc	casion" from section 65 (2) (b).	19
	Inser	t inste	ad "at	an appropriate time".	20
[3]	Sect	ion 6	5 (2A)		2
	Inse	t after	section	on 65 (2):	22
		(2A)	App	ropriate time for giving warning about incrimination	23
				<b>appropriate time</b> for warning a person as referred to in ection (2) (b) is any of the following times:	24 25
			(a)	the time when the requirement to make the statement or to give or furnish the answer or information is made,	26 27
			(b)	in the case of evidence required to be given when appearing before an inspector, any time after the start of the appearance before the inspector,	28 29 30
			(c)	at or about the time immediately before the person makes the statement or gives or furnishes the answer or information.	3° 32 33

[4]	Part 5, Division 4, heading			
	Omit the head	ing. Insert instead:	2	
	Division 4	Incidents at places of work	3	
[5]	Section 86 N	otification of incidents	4	
	Omit "occurre	ences" from section 86 (1).	5	
	Insert instead	"incidents".	6	
[6]	Section 86 (1	) (a) and (b)	7	
	Omit the parag	graphs. Insert instead:	8	
	(a	any serious incident at the place of work (as referred to in section 87),	9 10	
	(b	any incident occurring at or in relation to the place of work that the regulations declare to be an incident that is required to be notified to WorkCover.	11 12 13	
[7]	Section 86 (2	2)	14	
	Omit the subs	ection. Insert instead:	15	
	(2) Any such notice must be given:			
	(a	as soon as practicable (but not later than 7 days) after the occupier becomes aware of the incident, and	17 18	
	(b	in the manner and form required by the regulations.	19	
[8]	Section 86 (3	3)	20	
	Omit "a non-d	listurbance occurrence". Insert instead "a serious incident".	21	
[9]	Section 86 (3	3) (b)	22	
	Omit "(for exa	ample, by telephone or facsimile)".	23	
[10]	Section 86 (3	3)	24	
	Omit "the occurrence" wherever occurring. Insert instead "the incident".			

[11]	Section 86 (3A)			
	Insert after	r section 86 (3):	2	
	(3A)	Despite subsection (1), an occupier is not required to notice under this section if the occupier has given notice of incident in accordance with section 44 (2) of the Workp Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 199	of the collace	
[12]		7 Non-disturbance of plant involved in serious incide urrounding area)	ents 7	
	Omit secti	on 87 (1). Insert instead:	g	
	(1)	In this section:	10	
		serious incident means:	11	
		(a) an incident that has resulted in a person being kille	ed, or	
		(b) any other incident prescribed by the regulations fo purposes of this definition.	or the 13	
[13]	Section 8	37 (2)	15	
	Omit "nor "serious in	n-disturbance occurrence" wherever occurring. Insert insacident".	stead 16	
[14]	Section 87 (5)			
	Omit "occ	urrence" wherever occurring. Insert instead "incident".	19	
[15]	Section 8 incidents	88 Minister may require and publish special reports i	nto 20	
	Omit section 88 (1). Insert instead:			
	(1)	The Minister may direct WorkCover, or any department of Government responsible to the Minister, to prepare a spreport for the Minister with respect to:		
		(a) any incident that occurred at a place of work and caused the death of or bodily injury to any person,	that 26 or 27	
		(b) any incident at a place of work that constituted a da to any person.	inger 28	

[16]	Section 107 Time for instituting proceedings for offences	
	Omit "Notification of accidents and other matters" from section 107 (2).	2
	Insert instead "Notification of incidents".	;
[17]	Section 109 Evidentiary statements	4
	Omit "accident" Insert instead "incident"	į

Scł	nedule 4		endment of Workers' Compensation ust Diseases) Act 1942 No 14	1
		•	(Section 3)	3
[1]	Section 8 parties	E Rei	mbursement of compensation from negligent third	4 5
	Omit "as i	s presc	cribed by the regulations" from section 8E (3) (d).	6
	Insert inst regulations		as is provided by Schedule 1A or prescribed by the	7 8
[2]	Section 8	E (3)	(e)	9
	Omit "as p	rescril	bed by the regulations".	10
	Insert inste	ead "as	s provided by Schedule 1A".	11
[3]	Section 8	E (4)	(a)	12
	Omit "eco	nomic	"·	13
[4]	Section 8	E (4)	(d)	14
	Omit "lim	ited to	the amount of those damages".	15
			mited to the amount of those damages to the extent that s for economic loss".	16 17
[5]	Section 8	E (8)-	-(9A)	18
	Omit section 8E (8) and (9). Insert instead:			19
	(8)	subs the to the a	case in which the deduction from damages referred to in ection (3) (b) is not apparent or readily ascertainable from erms of any judgment or award in respect of the damages, amount of the deduction is as determined in accordance Schedule 1A.	20 21 22 23 24
	(9)	The	regulations may make provision for or with respect to:	25
		(a)	the determination of the amount of any deduction from damages referred to in subsection (3) (b), being provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of Schedule 1A, and	26 27 28 29
		(b)	requiring (in addition to the requirements of Schedule 1A) the provision to the board of information or documents by a person from whom or by whom	30 31 32

		damages in respect of disablement or death from a dust	1 2
		disease are recovered or recoverable, being information or documents relevant to the determination of any	3
		matter in connection with the operation of this section	4
		or Schedule 1A, and	5
		(c) exempting classes of persons or cases from the	6 7
		operation of all or specified provisions of this section or Schedule 1A.	8
	(9A)	Schedule 1A has effect for the purposes of this section.	9
[6]	Section 8	E (10)	10
	Omit "In t	his section". Insert instead "In this section and Schedule 1A".	11
[7]	Section 8	E (10)	12
	Insert in al	phabetical order:	13
		final determination, in relation to proceedings, includes a	14
		final determination by judgment, verdict, award, settlement,	15 16
		agreement, dismissal, discontinuance or otherwise.	
[8]	Schedule	1A	17
	Insert after	r Schedule 1:	18
	Schedu	le 1AReimbursement of compensation from	19
		negligent third parties	20 21
		(Section 8E)	21
	1 Арр	lication of Schedule	22
		This Schedule applies to proceedings referred to in section 8E	23 24
		for damages in respect of disablement or death that:	25
		(a) were commenced on or after 1 January 2002, or	26
		(b) were commenced before 1 January 2002 but were not finally determined before that date.	27
	2 Defi	nitions	28
		In this Schedule:	29
		<i>first person</i> and <i>second person</i> have the same meanings as in section 8E (3).	30 31

3	Notification of final determination of proceedings				
	(1) A paragraph (the defendant) against whom proceedings to				

- (1) A person (*the defendant*) against whom proceedings to which this Schedule applies have been taken must notify the board in writing of any award, judgment, settlement or agreement resulting in the final determination of the proceedings.
- (2) The notification must be given to the board within 28 days after the final determination.
- (3) The notification must be accompanied by the following documents:
  - (a) a document or documents that set out the following particulars:
    - (i) the name, address and date of birth of the person who commenced the proceedings (and if more than one, those particulars for each person),

- (ii) a statement as to whether or not the defendant was sued in the capacity of employer,
- (iii) a statement as to whether or not the defendant has made, or is required to make, any contribution or other payment in connection with the final determination of the proceedings,
- (iv) the amount and extent of any such contribution or other payment,
- (v) if a contribution or other payment (as referred to in subparagraphs (iii) and (iv)) has been or is to be made—a statement as to whether or not an amount has been deducted from the contribution or payment as referred to in section 8E (3) (b),
- (vi) the amount and extent of any such deduction,
- (vii) the names and addresses of all parties to the award, judgment, settlement or agreement,
- (viii) a statement as to whether or not any person against whom the proceedings were brought (other than the defendant) has made, or is required to make, any contribution or other payment in connection with the final determination of the proceedings,
- (ix) the amount and extent of any such contribution or other payment,

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	(x)	if a contribution or other payment (as referred to in subparagraphs (viii) and (ix)) has been or is to be made—a statement as to whether or not an amount has been deducted from the contribution or other payment as referred to in section 8E (3) (b),
	(xi)	the amount and extent of any such deduction,
(b)		y (whether in electronic or hard copy form) of the wing documents:
	(i)	the final statement of claim in the proceedings,
	(ii)	the final particulars of damage filed by the person or persons who commenced the proceedings,
	(iii)	any award, judgment, terms of settlement, agreement, or other document (such as a deed of release) evidencing the terms of the final determination of the proceedings.
that	docum	ent compliance with subclause (3) (a) to the extent ents provided under subclause (3) (b) contain the required by subclause (3) (a).
whice come to a	ch this ply wit defend	e is more than one defendant in proceedings to Schedule applies, each defendant is required to hithis clause. In such a case, the board may consent ant complying with this clause on behalf of other in the proceedings.
defe prov the	ndant i ide to t board	may at any time by notice in writing require a n proceedings to which this Schedule applies to he board, within 21 days or such longer period as may allow, specified information or documents the determination of the proceedings.
		ho fails to comply with a requirement imposed by s clause is guilty of an offence.
Max	imum j	penalty: 10 penalty units.
proc this	eeding: clause.	may exempt any particular proceedings or class of s from the requirements as to notification under Any exemption given for a class of proceedings is issed in a manner determined by the board and any

revocation or variation of such an exemption must be

similarly publicised.

#### 4 Determination of amount of compensation

In a case in which the deduction from damages referred to in section 8E (3) (b) is not apparent or readily ascertainable from the terms of any judgment or award in respect of the damages, the amount of the deduction is the amount determined in accordance with, and subject to, the following principles:

- (a) Subject to the following paragraphs, the amount of compensation (the *deducted compensation*) taken to have been deducted from the damages payable by the second person to the first person is the total of the following amounts as assessed by the board:
  - (i) the amount of compensation paid by the board to, or on behalf of, the first person up to the date of final determination,
  - (ii) the present value of future benefits payable by the board to, or on behalf of, the first person after that date (where the assessment of those future benefits is based on the assumption that the medical condition of the worker as to disablement and life expectancy will remain unchanged),

less any reduction required by section 8E (6).

- (b) The board may by notice in writing served on the second person give the second person notice (an *assessment notice*) of the amount of the deducted compensation assessed by the board under paragraph (a). An assessment notice must include the board's method of calculation and reasons for the assessment.
  - **Note.** When assessing the amount of the deducted compensation under paragraph (a), the board does not include any damages for non-economic loss.
- (c) If a second person disputes the assessment of an amount of deducted compensation set out in an assessment notice, the second person may request that the board reconsider the assessment (a reconsideration request).
- (d) A reconsideration request must:
  - (i) be in writing in the form approved by the board, and
  - (ii) be lodged with the board within 28 days after the service on the person of the assessment notice.

	(e)	In reconsidering an assessment, the board may consider the advice of accountants, actuaries, legal practitioners	1 2		
		and other persons.	3		
	(f)	Following the reconsideration of the assessment, the board may:	4 5		
		(i) confirm the original assessment of the amount of the deducted compensation made under paragraph (a), or	6 7 8		
		(ii) if the board considers that a lesser amount of deducted compensation is appropriate—issue an amended assessment notice setting out that lesser amount.	9 10 11 12		
	(g)	As soon as practicable (and in any event within 28 days) after the lodgment of a reconsideration request, the board must notify the second person in writing of the outcome of the reconsideration. The notification must include the board's reasons for its decision following the reconsideration.	13 14 15 16 17		
	(h)	The second person is not entitled to make more than one reconsideration request in relation to an amount of deducted compensation.	19 20 21		
Inter	est		22		
(1)	Inter	est is payable on an amount that the second person is	23		
(1)		24			
	the t	liable to pay under section 8E (3) (e) at the rate prescribed for the time being under section 95 (1) of the <i>Supreme Court</i>			
	Act 1	970 for payment of interest on judgment debts.	26		
(2)	That	27			
	(a)	in a case in which the deduction from damages referred to in section 8E (3) (b) is apparent or readily ascertainable from the terms of any judgment or award in respect of the damages—the date of expiry of the 42 day period referred to in section 8E (3) (d), or	28 29 30 31 32		
	(b)	in any other case:	33		
	` '	(i) if the second person has not lodged a reconsideration request before the expiry of the 28 day period referred to in clause 4 (d) (ii)—the date of expiry of the 42 day period referred to in clause 6 (a) (being 42 days after the service of an assessment notice referred to in clause 4 (b)), or	34 35 36 37 38 39		

	(ii)	if the second person has lodged a reconsideration request before the expiry of the 28 day period referred to in clause 4 (d) (ii)—the date of expiry of the 28 day period referred to in clause 6 (b) (being 28 days after the second person is notified by the board of the outcome of the reconsideration).	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
(3)	accordance be calcula	pard has issued an amended assessment notice in the ce with clause 4 (f) (ii), the amount of interest is to the amount of deducted compensation set out the needed notice.	8 9 10 11
6 Rei	nburseme	nt period	12
	deduction determine	urposes of section 8E (3) (d), in a case in which the from damages referred to in section 8E (3) (b) is ed in accordance with clause 4, an amount that the erson is liable to pay to the board under section 8E be paid:	13 14 15 16 17
	req to i of	he second person does not lodge a reconsideration uest before the expiry of the 28 day period referred n clause 4 (d) (ii)—within 42 days after the service the assessment notice determining the amount of mpensation, or	18 19 20 21 22
	bef clar is	he second person lodges a reconsideration request fore the expiry of the 28 day period referred to in use 4 (d) (ii)—within 28 days after the second person notified by the board of the outcome of the onsideration.	23 24 25 26 27
Schedule	2 Savings	s, transitional and other provisions	28
Insert at th	ne end of cla	ause 1 (1):	29

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[10]	Sch	edule	2	1
	Inse	rt aftei	Part 3:	2
	Par	t 4	Provisions consequent on enactment of Workers Compensation Legislation	3
			Amendment Act 2003	5
	11	Rein	nbursement of compensation from negligent third parties	6
		(1)	The amendments made to section 8E by the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2003, and Schedule 1A as inserted by that Act, are taken to have had effect on and from 1 January 2002.	7 8 9 10
		(2)	Any act, matter or thing done or purporting to have been done under or for the purposes of Part 3 of the Workers' Compensation (Dust Diseases) Regulation 1998 is, to the extent that it would have been validly done had it been done under this Act as amended by the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2003:	11 12 13 14 15
			<ul> <li>(a) is taken to be (and always to have been) validly done, and</li> <li>(b) is taken to have been done under and for the purposes</li> </ul>	17 18 19 20
			of section 8E as amended by, and Schedule 1A as inserted by, the <i>Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2003</i> .	21 22
		(3)	This clause does not apply in respect of relevant proceedings referred to in section 8E (3) (a) that are the subject of any proceedings against the board pending in the Supreme Court on the date of introduction into Parliament of the Bill for the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2003. This Act and Part 3 of the Workers' Compensation (Dust Diseases) Regulation 1998 continue to apply in respect of those relevant proceedings as if the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2003 had not been enacted.	23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Amendment of Workers Compensation (Bush Fire, Emergency and Rescue Services) Act 1987 No 83

Schedule 5		Amendment of Workers Compensation	
		(Bush Fire, Emergency and Rescue	2
		Services) Act 1987 No 83 (Section 3)	2
		,	
[1]	Section 3	2 Application of Principal Act and 1998 Act	5
	Insert after	section 32 (1) (g):	6
		(h) Division 9 of Part 3,	7
[2]	Schedule	1 Savings and transitional provisions	8
	Insert at th	e end of clause 1A (1):	9
		Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2003 to the extent that it amends this Act	10 11
[3]	Schedule	1	12
	Insert after	Part 3:	13
	Part 4	Workers Compensation Legislation	14
		Amendment Act 2003	15
	4 Com	nmutations	16
		Division 9 of Part 3 of the Principal Act is taken to have had	17
		effect as provided by section 32 (1) of this Act (and subject to	18
		Schedule 6 of the Principal Act in its application to that	19
		Division) on and from the commencement of that Division,	20
		but not so as to affect any claim determined before the	21
		commencement of this clause	22

Schedule 6	Amendment of Workers' Compensation (Dust Diseases) Regulation 1998  (Section 3)	1 2 3
Part 3 Reimbursement of compensation from negligent third parties		4 5
Omit the P	art.	6

Schedule 7	Amendment of Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2002 No 124
Schedule	e 7 Amendment of Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2002 No 124 (Section 3)
Sched	dule 4.3 Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000 No 40
Omit S	Schedule 4.3.

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