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Hi

I am hoping that you will accept my submission for the funeral profession to be included in this review. I know that this is just past the deadline but I have been waiting for a response from the minister and I have now been informed by him that I should contact this email to address the serious issues that the people in our industry suffer from. Mine is a personal perspective but I know of handfuls of people who have MSK issues and are really struggling with the sheer volume and complexity of their roles and responsibilities. I have been advised by ACC that there is very little evidence of funeral professionals who have claimed for injuries and my immediate response was that most funeral home owners actually paid for private health insurance so there was no need to address the issues with ACC. This has now changed since the funeral industry has been brought out by two Australian companies leading to very few privately owned funeral homes. I have sent you the letter that I sent to the minister which outlines my issues and what I am going through right now and this industry must be addressed for gradual wear and tear consideration. The smoke and mirrors have been a detriment to the industry and the need for professionals to actually see and understand what a day in the life of a funeral director or embalmer is like and how extremely dangerous our tasks are and the toll it takes on our health. The joints of many people are worn down by constant exposure to non ergonomic lifting of bodies because there is often no choice. People die in many different situations and we are required to transfer the body from the place of death and into the funeral home where the embalmers then set about embalming the body while working on concrete floors for many hours on end.

These are just a small number of hazards that we are required to do many times a day however this is just the tip of the iceberg and I strongly believe that we deserve to be protected and understood by departments such as yours. We work in a caring profession but sadly I have not been treated the same from the ACC specialists who have probably never set foot behind the scenes in a funeral home.

I would like to feel that we can be included in this review as I have been sending dialogue to the minister and deputy minister up until late last week.

I will also forward to you my own personal situation and how my life has been impacted by the occupational health issues which are gradually effecting me and my future.

Kind regards

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