

I've come to this sight at least a dozen times trying to decide whether to comment or not. I decided if I said nothing then I'm not helping to solve the problem. To be perfectly honest I doubt if any good will come out of this Review Panel to help injured workers. We're at the bottom of the barrel. Recent years changes to the WHSCC has only made it harder on Injured Workers to obtain the help they need to heal & continue to at least get by financially. Also I didn't know about this panel until recently. I believe your not getting many responses as few know about the Review Panel & those who do are afraid to speak up. I've been on WHSCC for over 10 years & am on Long Term Disability. I will not go into graphic details of my nightmare of dealing with WHSCC. Like far to many my claim was first denied. I appealed & it took close to 6 months before my claim was heard. Living all that time without an income to pay my bills & to buy the medications I needed, I ended up taking out a second mortgage on my house to pay my expenses. My appeal was heard 3 days before I had my first major surgery. "STRESS" in Capitol Letters describes that time in my life. 3 more months before I hear my appeal was approved. By that time I owed a lot of money. I received my back payments & 1 more check. Then I was cut off again. I thank God for my wonderful Doctor who fought hard for me. I don't understand why the doctor's who are caring for you aren't listened to. Why their word isn't enough. It was another 4 1/2 months before I got my claim renewed. I needed more surgery. Long wait times are a problem. Too many have to appeal. I ended up on long term disability & having to declare bankruptcy. My surgeries caused me more problems & I'm unable to work as a result. My CPP has dwindled over the years & when I turn 65 I will receive about a third of what I would've had if I had continued working. I'm getting closer to that age when I will be cut off of my WHSCC payments. The government changed the rules for collecting after 65 a few years before I had my accident. I don't believe there is 1 of us who gets excited over the 5% that's put aside until we reach 65. I'm asking that you consider, those of us who have been unable to return to work, that we receive a percentage of our pension after 65. Shouldn't those who the WHSCC are there to help be treated as well as those who work for the WHSCC? My condition won't get any better only worse over time. Is it wrong to want to live with at least a little dignity? I wouldn't wish this experience on anybody. It's life changing & not in a good way. It was & still is a nightmare. Thank you.