CTP Citizens’ Jury Witness Workshop

Theme 3 – What benefits are people covered for?

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My Background

- Consulting Actuary in general insurance for the last 30 years with Finity Consulting
- Worked with insurers and regulators extensively in the NSW and Queensland CTP schemes and more recently in the ACT and South Australia
- In the ACT currently provide premium filing advice to Suncorp
- On the board of the National Disability Insurance Agency since January 2017 and was Actuary to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- Views expressed are personal ones not those of Finity or Suncorp
Common Law vs Statutory Benefits

**COMMON LAW**
- Expensive
- Delay to resolution
- Too much/ too little?
- Individual assessment of loss
- Claim finality

**STATUTORY BENEFITS**
- Ongoing connection with scheme
- Do not cover all elements of loss
- Timely payments
- Available until recovery?
Common Issues with Benefits

• Treatment
  – Over-servicing
  – Fee levels
  – Future needs

• Lost earnings
  – Realistic assessment of future earning potential

• Pain & suffering
  – Subjectivity
  – Inconsistent with recovery
Hybrid Schemes – Best of Both Worlds?

MINOR INJURIES plus AF
Immediate payments for treatment
Loss of income for limited period
Pain & suffering based on scale

SERIOUS INJURIES NAF only
Immediate payments for treatment
Loss of income for limited period
Common law lump sum for future loss of income and treatment needs
Pain & suffering based on scale