

REFORM OF THE HEALTH DISABILITY AND INJURY INSURANCE SYSTEM

THE FUNDAMENTAL OF EFFICIENCY IN EVERY FORM OF INSURANCE IS TO MAXIMISE PARTICIPATION PARTICULARLY FROM THOSE WHO REPRESENT THE LOWEST LEVEL OF RISK

THE CASE FOR A COMPULSORY DIRECTLY SUBSIDISED SINGLE INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY PERSONAL INSURANCE POLICY THAT COVERS ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH HEALTH- INJURY -DISABILITY PROBLEMS OF THE INSURED

DUE TO FRAGMENTATION OF INSURANCE COVER FOR RISKS THAT END UP MAKING CLAIMS ON THE SAME SYSTEM AND IN THE CASE OF THE MEDICARE SYSTEM A DELIBERATE GOVERNMENT POLICY TO QUARANTINE THE BEST RISKS FROM MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO PRIVATE INSURANCE BY THE OFFER OF A 'FREE' SERVICE AND DISCOURAGING PARTICIPATION BY PROHIBITING RISK RATED PREMIUMS THE OVERALL COST OF THESE SERVICES IS MUCH HIGHER PER CAPITA, MORE COMPLEX AND UNFAIR

THE ISSUE OF THE DISABLED HIGHLIGHTS THE PROBLEM

INSURANCE COVER IS AVAILABLE FOLLOWING A VEHICLE ACCIDENT PROVIDED YOU ARE NOT THE PARTY AT FAULT OR ARE PREPARED TO PAY A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF YOUR ENTITLEMENT TO A LEGAL FIRM

YOU ARE UNABLE TO INSURE YOURSELF UNDER THE COMPULSORY VEHICLE THIRD PARTY REGIME RUN BY STATE GOVERNMENTS TO THEIR PROFIT SOME STATE GOVERNMENTS ARE CONSIDERING NO FAULT SCHEMES BUT WHEN ADDRESSED IN ISOLATION IT IS VERY EXPENSIVE

INSURANCE COVER IS AVAILABLE UNDER STATE GOVERNMENT LEGISLATED SCHEMES IF YOU ARE INJURED AT WORK AS AN EMPLOYEE BUT NOT IF YOU ARE SELF EMPLOYED

INSURANCE COVER IS AVAILABLE IF YOU ARE INJURED IN A PUBLIC PLACE AND CAN PROVE FAULT AGAINST SOME ELIGIBLE AUTHORITY BUT THAT PROOF COMES AT A HIGH COST TO YOURSELF OR THE RELEVANT TAXPAYERS

INSURANCE COVER IS AVAILABLE IF YOU OR YOUR PARENTS CAN PROVE FAULT AGAINST AN INSURED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

HOWEVER IF YOUR INJURY IS CONCEIVED OTHERWISE AND YOU HAVE ASSUMED THE GOVERNMENT SYSTEM IN A VARIETY OF PROGRAMNES WILL LOOK AFTER YOU THE FACT IS YOU MIGHT BE DISAPPOINTED IF ONLY BECAUSE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO FUND OR RESOURCE THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF HEALTH AND DISABILLTY SERVICE YOU OR YOURS REQUIRE AT THIS VERY MOMENT THE GOVERNMENT OF WA HAVING JUST LOST ITS AAA CREDIT RATING IS UNDER PUBLIC PRESSURE TO EXPAND THE SIZE OF TWO HOSPITALS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTIONWHICH ALSO GIVES THE LIE TO THE ARGUMENT THAT GOVERNMENT CAN BORROW CHEAPER THAN THE PRIVATE SECTOR THAT MAY NOT BORROW ANYWAY HAVING ACCESS TO EQUITY MARKETS

THE PREMIUM EXPENDITURE BY THIRD PARTIES TO PROVIDE THIS COVER FOR SOME WAS APPROX. \$18BN (APRA)2012

THERE IS CONSIDERABLE CROSS OVER OF CHARGES LEVIED BY THE HEALTH SYSTEM DEPENDING ON JUST HOW OR WHERE YOU WERE INJURED OR BECAME SICK

THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND WELFARE EXPENDITURE REPORT 2010-11 ADVISES THAT TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH (WHATEVER ITS ORIGINS)WAS \$130.3 BN OR \$5796 PER CAPITA OR 9.3% OF GDP

THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS A FISCAL RISE OF \$52.8BN OR A PERCENTAGE OF GDP RISE FROM 8.3% TO 9.3% SINCE THE PERIIOOD 2000/01

BY COMPARISON THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION REPORTED "CASH COLLECTIONS" OF \$270BN FOR THAT YEAR

THE EXPENDITURE OF \$130.3BN WAS PROPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS GOVERNMENT 69% PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE 7.6% INJURY COMPENSATION 5% INDIVIDUALS DIRECT 18.3%

SO OUT OF POCKET EXPENDITURE BY INDIVIDUALS IS APPROX. 26% OR \$33.8 BN OR \$1507 PER CAPITA

IF GOVERNMENT MAINTAINED A CONTRIBUTION BY WAY OF PREMIUM SUBSIDY THE NOMINAL ADDITIONAL COST WOULD BE \$300 PER CAPITA FURTHER OFFSET BY RELIEF IN SUCH AREAS AS NO MORE THIRD PARTY OF \$3BN FOR VEHICLE INSURANCE WHICH FROM PERSONAL OBSERVATION IN WA REPRESENTS ABOUT \$ 250 PER VEHICLE

IT BECOMES PATENTLY OBVIOUS THEREFORE THAT THE AMALGAMATION OF THIS PLETHORA OF POLICY INITIATIVES UNDER A SINGLE COMPULSORY INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY PRIVATE ALL RISKS INSURANCE POLICY INCLUDING A GOVERNMENT TARGETTED SUBSIDY EQUIVALENT TO ITS PRESENT OUTLAYS IS AFFORDABLE TO THE COMMUNITY

AS EMPLOYERS WOULD BE RELIEVED OF WORKERS COMPENSATION COSTS THIS COULD BE TRANSLATED IN A ONE OFF PAY INCREASE

THE COMPENSATION PAY OUT AS COMPARED TO MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THIS AREA IS APPROX \$ 3BN AND \$6.5 BN RESPECTIVELY

PRESENTLY CONSUMERS ARE BEING ENCOURAGED EVERY DAY BY TV AND OTHER ADVERTISING TO PURCHASE INSURANCE COVER OVER THE PHONE FOR A VARIETY OF RISKS INCLUDING INCOME LOSS

ARISING FROM SICKNESS OR INJURY AND THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY IS OBVIOUSLY CAPABLE OF CALCULATING ALL ASPECTS OF THE RISKS NEEDED TO BE COVERED

PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE IS A MATURE INDUSTRY AS IS THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL SECTOR AND WHY IS IT FORBIDDEN TO OFFER OR PURCHASE COVER FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AND ALL PHARMACEUTICALS IF THAT IS YOUR CHOICE AND CAN BE COVERED BY A SINGLE PERSONAL PRIVATE INSURANCE POLICY BASED ON THE ABOVE STATISTICS

ALL ASPECTS OF INSURANCE COVER SERVICES ARE IN EXISTENCE BUT FRAGMENTED .

PRIVATE CAPITAL WILL ALWAYS ANTICIPATE AND RESPOND TO DEMAND WHERE GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED AND DELIBERATELY RESPONDED WITH SUCH DEVICES AS WAITING LISTS THAT ARE FREQUENTLY CORRUPTED OFTEN BY WELL MEANING POLITICIANS

IN TERMS OF PROVIDERS ALL SUCH AS STATE GOVERNMENT INSURERS CAN PARTICIPATE BUT MUST OFFER THE MINIMUM COMPREHENSIVE COVER DICTATED BY STATUTE NEVERTHELESS SUCH A STATUTE CAN ALLOW INDIVIDUALS TO OPT FOR EXCESS AMOUNTS SUCH AS A GP VISIT OR EARN NO CLAIM BONUSES IN SPECIFIC AREAS

PUT SIMPLY THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES ITS ROLE AS THE REGULATOR AND SUBSIDISER BUT NOT THE OPERATOR AND COMBINING ALL THE RISKS AND ALL THE PREMIUM INCOME GUARANTEES LOWER PREMIUMS AS A RESULT OF SPREADING THE RISK AND ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCIES

COMPETITION BETWEEN INSURERS WILL ALSO PUT PRESSURE ON SERVICE PROVIDERS STATE GOVERNMENTS WHO CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN THE BUSINESS WILL OBTAIN THEIR REVENUE FROM THE RELEVANT INSURER BUT CAN RELIEVE THEIR DEBT STRUCTURE BY DISPOSING OF THESE ASSETS IF THEY CHOOSE AND NO LONGER BE SUBJECT TO POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN SUCH AREAS AS WAGE DETERMINATION

AS MY STATISTICS ARE CALCULATED ON AVAILABLE GOVERNMENT DATA THE QUESTION OF THE RATE OF SUBSIDY TOWARDS INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL OR FAMILY COST FOR THIS COMPULSORY INSURANCE POLICY IS ONE FOR GOVERNMENT HOWEVER IT IS ALSO OBVIOUS FROM THE FIGURES THAT LOW INCOME EARNERS AND PENSIONERS ALREADY MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUCH AREAS AS THIRD PARTY INSURANCE AND WORKERS COMPENSATION

THERE IS PUBLIC PRESSURE FOR NO FAULT INSURANCE AND I CONSIDER THIS WOULD APPLY TO WORKERS COMPENSATION ONCE EMPLOYEES REALISED THEY WERE COVERED BY THEIR OWN POLICY AND OWN CHOICE OF INSURER AND THE DISABLED WHO PRESENTLY FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS CAN HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS UNDER THE STATUTE BE THEY SUFFERING FROM A BIRTH DEFECT OR INJURY