

JOURNEY COVER – MEMBERS COVERED FROM 2009

The CEPU is pleased to announce an important, new measure for its members: journey cover insurance to and from work from 1 January, 2009.

As you know the former Howard Government stripped away a critical protection for Australian workers: the right to claim workers compensation for injuries sustained on your way to and from work. And workers who sustained an injury while on a meal break away from a workplace also had their workers compensation rights seriously limited.

According to the ABS, more than a quarter of deaths were attributed to commuting workers.

The former Government made these changes for no other reason than to cut \$20m per year. A classic case of profits being put before people.

The CEPU has conducted an intensive, detailed review of different journey cover insurance offerings for members. We're pleased to say that we have entered into a journey cover insurance policy that will provide a measure of income support to financial CEPU members who sustain an injury:

- _ On their way to/from work
- _ During an authorised employer meal break

It will also cover union members who might experience an accident on their way to/from an out of hours union meeting.

While this won't be able to fully match workers compensation offerings, it will provide a level of income support that is currently being denied to CEPU members. It's paid for out of union dues.

And - importantly - it's at no additional cost to financial CEPU members.

More information about the scheme will be issued shortly. However as stated earlier you are now covered from 1st January 2009.