

# Media Release

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## WORKERS AND FAMILIES AT THE HEART OF WORKPLACE SAFETY

Every injury and death at work is a tragedy.

That's why the Allan Labor Government is listening to families and survivors to shape workplace safety reform.

Deputy Premier and Minister for WorkSafe and the TAC Ben Carroll announced today expressions of interest are open to people impacted by workplace deaths, serious injuries and illness to join the Workplace Incidents Consultative Committee (WICC).

Labor established the WICC in 2020 as part of tough new workplace manslaughter laws.

The WICC is made up of Victorians who have lost a loved one or suffered a serious injury or illness at work.

It draws on their experiences to inform workplace health and safety reforms.

WICC members provide valuable advice to the Government on how to best support injured workers and their families.

They also help guide work to prevent serious workplace incidents and make workplaces safer.

The WICC's advice directly informed the changes made in the *Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Act 2025* to better support families, including:

- Lump sum payments for economic loss and grief suffered by dependents.
- An increase in the weekly pension for dependent children.
- More therapy and support services following a work-related death.

Roles on the WICC are paid and last for up to three years with six one-day meetings a year.

Applicants must live in Victoria. For more information see the [WICC website](#).

### Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier and Minister for Minister for WorkSafe and TAC Ben Carroll

*"We're listening to families and survivors of workplace injuries – because need to do everything we can to support them."*

*"Labor is making sure that people impacted by a serious injury, illness or death on the job are at the heart of workplace safety reform."*

### Quotes attributable to WICC Co-Chair and lived experience member Brett Struhs

*"I know how deeply workplace tragedy and serious injury can shape a life. The people who have lived this reality bring insights that no policy or system can produce on their own."*

*"By joining the WICC, you can help turn that experience into meaningful reform that protects workers and ensures families never face tragedy alone."*

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