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THE LAW SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA SUPPORTS THE INTRODUCTION OF OPTION 3 NO-FAULT CATASTROPHIC INJURY COVER

The Law Society of Western Australia commends the decision of the WA government in establishing no-fault cover for catastrophic injury, in accordance with Option 3 of the Insurance Commission of Western Australia (ICWA) Green Paper.

The Option 3 scheme will allow catastrophically injured persons the freedom to choose their own care and support and adds an administrative scheme for those not eligible under the previous regime. This option ensures that those covered by the existing scheme do not lose out from the changes being introduced.

Under the Option 3 scheme, people who are catastrophically injured and can prove fault have a choice between no-fault cover and the common law, meaning they will not be disadvantaged.

Law Society President Matthew Keogh said, "The Law Society has been strident in its advocacy for no-fault catastrophic injury cover that protects existing rights to a victim's right to choose the nature of their care, while extending cover to those not previously covered."

"The Law Society applauds the government's decision to establish a scheme that protects existing rights and extends cover to others that have needed it," Mr Keogh said.

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