

Death Entitlements

The Government implemented significant improvements to death entitlements in 2018, in line with recommendations of WorkCover WA's Final Report. The Bill replicates the 2018 amendments, consolidates all provisions relating to the claim process and compensation entitlements, and clarifies the status of unborn children.

Key Points

Bill ref: Part 2 Division 10

- There are no changes to the structure or quantum of compensation payable to dependants, or to the claims process.
- The Bill provides for minor drafting improvements and consolidation of provisions relating to death entitlements.
- The Bill also clarifies the status of unborn children of the worker at the time of the worker's death. The definition of 'child' and 'dependant' in clause 131 ensures a child of a worker conceived before but born after a worker's death is eligible to receive compensation if they would have been dependent on the worker at the time of birth had the death not occurred.

Questions & Answers

Q. Where can I find out more about the amendments made in 2018?

A. The [WorkCover WA website](https://www.workcover.wa.gov.au)¹ contains information and resources about workplace fatality entitlements and how to make and resolve a claim.

¹ [workcover.wa.gov.au](https://www.workcover.wa.gov.au)

