



Green Slip Scheme Expanded to Cover 4000 More Drivers

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Minister for Finance Michael Daley today announced an expansion of the Compulsory Third Party (Green Slip) scheme to assist everyone injured in a motor vehicle crash effective from April 1.

Mr Daley said that currently the Green Slip scheme primarily covered people injured in motor vehicle accidents caused by a negligent or 'at-fault' driver.

"However, under the current scheme the driver considered responsible for causing the accident isn't covered," he said.

"Under this reform, the scheme is being extended to cover anyone injured as a result of a motor vehicle accident, regardless of fault, for up to \$5,000 in medical costs and lost wages.

"It is estimated that roughly 4,000 NSW road users will benefit from this significant improvement to the scheme each year.

"A momentary lapse or error in judgement behind the wheel is all it takes for an accident to occur.

"By extending the scheme, it ensures all motorists, including those considered to be 'at-fault', have access to early treatment for their injuries.

"These changes will hopefully encourage all injured people to access early medical treatment, which may lead to a faster and fuller recovery.

"People injured due to the fault of another driver will still maintain their ability to claim above the \$5,000," Mr Daley said.

Benefits under the scheme can be accessed easily and quickly by completing an Accident Notification Form (ANF), which provides a fast track process to pay medical bills and reimburse lost wages up to a combined total of \$5,000.

Information about accessing benefits under the Green Slip scheme is available on the Motor Accidents Authority's website at www.maa.nsw.gov.au or by calling their Claims Advisory Service on 1300 656 919.