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New Brunswick injured workers will be hurt by Minister Jody Carr proposal

The NB Common Front has sent an Open Letter to the Minister explaining why it is against some of the changes he is proposing to the Appeal Tribunal (Bill 73) of the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission.

“We are against a one person Appeal Tribunal instead of the present tri-partite one where workers and employers have one representative. We are certainly also against having only lawyers as the person hearing the injured workers appeal case. Finally, we are totally opposed to the notion that the President of the Appeal Tribunal, and not the injured worker, would decide the method of his hearing (by phone, videoconference, only on paper or in person).” says Ms. McCaustlin, co-president.

“Injured workers are already suffering enough been injured and denied their claim. The changes to the Appeal Tribunal should be made to help them and not to put more barriers in their way.” concludes Ms McCaustlin.

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The Common Front for Social Justice is one of the largest democratic and popular organizations in New Brunswick, with close to 75,000 group and individual members. The Common Front brings together individuals as well as local, regional and provincial organizations to work towards the eradication of poverty.