Dear Members,

A reminder that when you are completing a medical or you are injured at work, the company will ask you to sign a medical information release authority. This is done to ensure the company’s Chief Medical Officer can contact your treating practitioner to seek further information about you, if any concerns are raised.

This is a standard and widely used form within our industry and many others. We do however encourage members to write the following on their release authority:

This authority extends only to the written exchange of my medical information unless I am present with my TMP (Treating Medical Practitioner) or the company doctor. There is to be no verbal exchange without my presence.

This addition ensures you are fully aware of what information is being shared or what discussions are taking place between your Doctor and the Company Doctor relating to your fitness for work.

Please contact your state office on 3844 9163 or statesecretary@afule.org.au if you would like further information.

In Solidarity,

Michael McKitrick