

Australian Capital Territory

# Motor Accident Injuries (Significant Occupational Impact Assessment Referral) Guidelines 2023

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made under the

**Motor Accident Injuries Act 2019, section 487 (MAI guidelines)**

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Section 487 of the *Motor Accident Injuries Act 2019* (MAI Act) enables the MAI Commission to make guidelines (the MAI guidelines) about any matter required or permitted by the MAI Act to be included in guidelines.

The guidelines set out an insurer's obligations in obtaining consent and providing information and support to an injured person when preparing a referral for a Significant Occupational Impact (SOI) assessment. This includes the procedures to be followed when arranging a referral for a SOI assessment, and the information that should accompany a SOI assessment referral.

The SOI assessment can only be carried out if the injured person meets the requirements of section 209 of the MAI Act and provides their consent to the insurer. Only an insurer can make a referral to an authorised IME provider to arrange for a SOI assessment. The purpose of a SOI assessment is to assess whether a person's injuries did or did not have an impact on the injured person in relation to their ability to undertake employment.

### *Consultation on the proposed approach*

Targeted consultation with relevant stakeholders was undertaken in preparing the guidelines. Comments were incorporated where appropriate.