



INDEPENDENT  
INQUIRY into  
**Insecure Work**

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<b>Occupation (if available)</b>	Childcare worker				
<b>Text of submission</b>	<p>While working as a casual childcare worker I noticed a "pea size lump" on my body which I had checked by my GP. She said she thought it was a cyst, nothing much to worry about but that she was happy to remove it if it was worrying me. I decided not to have anything done as working casual I had no sick leave and because I was not getting many hours I didn't have a large "bank" of money to fall back on. Six months later it was not "ignorable" and on pathology following surgery it was diagnosed as merkel cell cancer, a rare, aggressive cancer. I had to finish work as treatment took so much time.</p> <p>I don't spend too much time doing the "if only" thing but if I had been employed as a permanent worker it would have made a difference to my initial decision not to have the lump removed.</p>				

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