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This article examines the difficulties which can arise when both the <i>Personal Injuries Proceedings Act 2002</i> (PIPA), and the <i>WorkCover Queensland Act 1996</i> , or its successor the <i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003</i> apply. Particular emphasis is placed on the difficulties which can confront a “non-WorkCover respondent” against whom a PIPA notice of claim has been served. Procedural difficulties which arise in relation to the convening of compulsory conferences and the making of mandatory final offers under both the PIPA and WorkCover regime are discussed. A postscript to this article deals with proposed amendments to the <i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003</i> contained in the <i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2004</i> tabled on 9 November 2004	129
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