

# Man wins damages following accident

A LATROBE Valley man, whose leg was amputated after an accident at the Hazelwood Power station in 1993, will receive substantial damages following an out of court settlement.

According to lawyer Lee Flanagan [REDACTED], Kenneth Anthony Miles, 53, of Moe has endured 16 separate operations, culminating in the loss of his lower right leg, and earlier this year suffered a post traumatic condition which required intensive treatment.

Mr Flanagan said the accident occurred on 11 March 1993 at Stage 1 Hazelwood Power Station when Mr Miles was struck on the right foot by the scraper of a coal shuttle.

"His foot was almost completely severed at the ankle joint, and the foot

was only held on the leg by soft tissue," Mr Flanagan added.

Mr Flanagan alleged negligence on 25 grounds. Generation Victoria and its predecessor, the SEC, denied negligence.

On 4 June 1997, after 15 previous operations, Mr Miles' right leg was amputated below the knee.

Mr Flanagan said Mr Miles was fortunate that his accident occurred before 12 November 1997 - after that date he would have no common law right for a workplace accident.

"Until the law is changed by the new state government, time is running out for other victims of workplace accidents prior to 12 November 1997 if they wish to pursue their legal rights," Mr Flanagan said. "They need to begin legal action immediately."