

I would like to make a submission about the disability support pension and the reviews that people have to undertake.

These reviews put already stretched carers under even more pressure. It is ridiculous to think that blindness or cerebral palsy or intellectual disabilities simply cure themselves and go away. As carers we are often miracle workers – but even for us this is going a bit far!

The expense of the reports from doctors and specialists that Centrelink request stretches our budget even tighter. We have to wait weeks sometimes to get into these appointments to get these reports that I think are not at all needed. Our daughters, sons and others that we care for have not suddenly “got over it “since the last time we had these reports done.

Believe me, I would love not to be in the position of not having to beg you to stop this practice.

I would love my son to be in the workforce, just like any other 21 year old.

Maybe he would be at Uni – studying something that takes his fancy, just like every other 21 year old

Maybe he would have a girlfriend, a wife, just like any other 21 year old

Some children even, just like any other 21 year old !

But this was not to be.

Believe me, I wish it was different for him.

Could you make it easier for ME , and put a stop to this practice.

PLEASE !!!