

19 September 2011

Committee Secretary  
Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committees  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600  
Australia

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: The administration and purchasing of Disability Employment Services in Australia

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a client of SensWide Employment. I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the impact that it would have on me if SensWide should have to retender for their contracts.

SensWide have provided expert, one on one, assistance and have helped me with my motivation and enthusiasm throughout my period of unemployment. I have often felt depressed due to not feeling 'wanted' by an employer but my employment consultant has kept me going and they have never given up on me. I feel they understand my needs and how to support me. In fact, this week I have 3 interviews with 3 separate employers. The team at SensWide has taken the time to get to know me and I trust them. I would find it very difficult if I no longer had the one on one time that is given to me as well as the ongoing (sometimes daily) support.

It feels like being part of a family here, with people that genuinely care about me. I don't know if I could find that elsewhere if SensWide shut down. It has taken a long time for me to feel that I can trust the SensWide team, and I feel like they understand me. I don't want to have to find another organisation and start all over again, it takes a considerable amount of time for me trust people.

How they have helped me;

- Helped to purchase a suit for my interviews
- Paid for travel expenses to get to interviews and training
- Provided in house training (at times one on one)
- Helped provide me with skills for my interviews
- Help to keep me motivated
- Have marketed me to prospective employers
- Reassured me when I wasn't successful in interviews

I feel as though the tender writing process would have a very large impact on the organisation as I know it, and I feel this would have a major impact on my experience here.

Sincerely