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**NEDA additional comments regarding presentation to the Senate Community Affairs Reference Committee:
Inquiry into Planning Options and Services for People Ageing with a Disability**

As per discussion at the public hearing of the above Inquiry on Monday November 29, 2010 in Melbourne, the National Ethnic Disability Alliance (NEDA) hereby provides additional information that was requested.

1. A separate document addresses the costing estimate for changes to the ten year waiting period for the DSP.
2. Dot points below illustrating examples when lack of access to the Disability Support Pension prohibits access to other services, aids and equipment.

Examples of service denial if the applicant does not receive the DSP, this includes an estimated number of 5,000 migrants.

- The name of the schemes alter from State to State or Territory for e.g. the NT scheme is known as TIME (Territory Independence and Mobility Equipment) http://www.health.nt.gov.au/Aged_and_Disability/Subsidies/TIME_Scheme/index.aspx and NSW and other states it is referred to as the PADP scheme (Program of Appliances for Disabled People) http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd/2005/pdf/PD2005_563.pdf

Quote from a parent:

VPAP Machine costing \$5000+ because he was too old (over18) and not on DSP. Unable to find any alternative. Refurbished very old machine in the end.

- Community Transport Services concession rates, not available
- Electricity Rebates, not available
- Water Rebate, not available
- No free drivers license renewal Vehicle registration, not available