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Dear Senator,

I am writing in regards to the Terms of Reference for the Senate Inquiry on the administration and purchasing of Disability Employment Services in Australia.

I myself and a Training and Employment Consultant with a Disability Employment Service program would like to express the impact and concern of the potential changes.

Clients we work with have often been through several services and gaps between, often for several years before finding a service they can confide and build a positive relationship with. I reiterate that Jobseekers require quality services and depend on ongoing relationships that foster security and familiarity from their service providers. The wider disability sector is changeable enough without adding to instability in employment services.

Once clients have built these relationships the service and client can actually work better together, in turn, finding jobs for people and often changing the way they once viewed or experienced disability employment services. Changing this once again would only further create a cycle that in no way benefits anyone-the funding body, the service or the jobseeker.

This is main concern amongst others; I am hoping is taken into account.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me direct.

Yours Sincerely,