

TO THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of **CONCERN CITIZEN**

1. Draws to the attention of the House:

There are disadvantaged and disabled Australians who are denied access to Employment Support Services because it is considered they are unlikely to benefit from the services. These Australians want to work but are prevented from accessing the usual employment support services for the disadvantaged and disabled.

2. Why is it an issue?

The current situation will mean that these disadvantaged and disabled Australians will be unable to re-enter the workforce. This means they will remain dependent upon welfare payments. This means the individual will suffer the vagaries of low income while society will be forced to support these individuals into the long term.

3. We therefore ask the House to:

1. Amend current legislation to allow all disadvantaged and disabled Australians to access Employment Support Services.
2. These Employment Support Services should not be restricted by the DEEWR and the DHS to the disadvantaged and disabled members of the community.
3. Raise awareness about overall contribution made from disadvantaged and disabled Australians to the society.