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to whom it may concern,

The users and survivors of psychiatry united worldwide under the World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (WNUSP) and the African Continent's voice of user/survivors the Pan African Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (PANUSP) take this opportunity to thank the Australian Government for moving towards ratification of the CRPD.

However, we strongly oppose the idea of a reservation or declaration on Article 12 that fosters substituted decision making instead of promoting supported decision making, hence violating the right of self determination. We also oppose any reservation or declaration on Article 17 that would promote forced psychiatry, which violates the right to liberty and therefore completely diminishes the rights based mental health care. It is our request therefore that such trend of thought is revisited and rectified in accordance to the CRPD without any reservations.

Awaiting a positive response in our interest and more so our colleagues in Australia.

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Chairs, WNUSP

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