

Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Parliament House
Canberra Act 2600

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I am writing to give feedback on the Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Bill 2001.

My concern is that exclusive use of the 'Supported Wage System' (SWS) as a means of deciding productivity based wages, presents a barrier to employment for people with more severe disabilities whose capacity to work is less than 8 hours a week (Over 8 hours is a prerequisite for SWS eligibility).

Also, being a rural agency in a town with an economy, teetering on recession, we also find that it will not support the reality of the current labour market whereby a person with a disability may hold 3 to 4 jobs, all of which are less than 8 hours a week but which may require a productivity based wage.

I hope this is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely

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