

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I would like to make a submission to the Senate Committee, regarding the Research Analysis Report and Senate Inquiry into the Commonwealth States and Territories Disability Agreement.[C.S.T.D.A]

With regard to the provision of accomodation for people with an intellectual disability, there appears to be a group of intellectually disabled people who may have been overlooked when statistics were taken to foresee accomodation needs for disabled people; the intellectually disabled people living at home with their parents were not included as requiring immediate assistance. These people have slipped through provisions of funding by the Government for suitable accomodation, and were therefore not included for future accomodation needs.

Today there is a serious need for future accomodation for this 'hidden' group of intellectually disabled people, as life time carers are ageing, and community services cater for intellectually disabled with very high care needs, and for intellectually disabled off the street but not for intellectually disabled people requiring medium care .Our son has been treated with dignity and respect through his life and we would like to see him in accomodation that will enable him to continue to be cared for appropriately for his needs and well being for the remaining years of his life.

Together with other parents in our position we are trying to develop suitable accomodation in our area but we would require Government assistance to develop and maintain accomodation for intellectually disabled people who are presently living at home with ageing parents.

Yours in good faith

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