

Submission to the Senate Enquiry : Welfare Reform and Reinstatement of the Racial Discrimination Act

At the age of 22 my husband was killed in a car accident leaving me with an eight week old son.

So initially I received a widow's pension.

The Federal Government of the day had a Widow's retraining scheme which enable me to return to school and University.

For many years now I have been the CEO of film production companies in Australia and the USA and have employed hundreds of people and brought millions of dollars of work into the country.

Had I had to suffer a bureaucrat quarantining my pension it would have so effected my self esteem and repressed any initiative I had that the successful life I have been able to lead would have been stifled

I urge Senators to resist this continuing erosion of the basic human rights and entitlements of Australian citizens proposed in the Bill, rather recognizing that those citizens on Social Security Entitlements have the rights to the security that the name implies.

I urge Senators to ensure that the restoration of the Racial Discrimination Act is done in an authentic manner, genuinely respecting the human rights of Australian Citizens.

Thankyou for receiving my submission.

Yours truly

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