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The Secretary
Senate Employment, Workplace
Relations and Education
References Committee
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Dear Secretary:

I would like to make a submission to the inquiry into the Education of Students with Disabilities. My son has disabilities including intellectual impairment (Ascertainment Level II b). He is nine years old, and has Prader-Willi Syndrome. He has spent his pupil career in segregated special education facilities, as full support for his needs (resources), in a non-segregated setting has not been a viable alternative. I believe that Australia should comply with the tenets of the United Nations Salamanca Statement, and include children with special needs in non-segregated school environments.

Sincerely yours,
Deborah White