

26<sup>th</sup> April, 2002

The Secretary,  
Senate Employment, Workplace  
Relations and Education References  
Committee  
Suite S1.61, Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 26000

Dear Secretary,

**Re: Inquiry into the Education of Students with Disabilities**

We support the attached submission written by Denise and Anthony de Witte, parents of Bethany, a child who has Down Syndrome.

We believe that the funding Bethany would receive if she attended a Public School should also be available should she attend Non-Government Schools.

The recommendations written by the de Witte's being:-

1. That the education of a child with a disability should not be affected by discriminatory allocation of funding;
2. That funding for the education of children with disabilities should be directed to the educational establishment which the child attends; and
3. That such funding should not be dictated by the type of School which the child attends.

are recommendations that we support.

Thank you for considering this submission and we look forward to an equitable outcome which allows individual children and their needs be fully met regardless of the School of the parent's choice.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Bosker  
Principal