


**REQUEST TO JOIN EXEMPTION APPLICATION LODGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (FaHCSIA) UNDER S55 OF THE DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT (1992) (CTH)**

We seek to join the exemption application submitted by FaHCSIA as follows:

- We seek an exemption for all existing ADEs from sections 15 and 24 of the DDA, and the Commonwealth (and officers of the Commonwealth) from section 29 for a period of three years.
- This exemption would apply to use of the BSWAT to:
  - (a) assess wages for employees; and
  - (b) pay wages to ADE employees based on assessments conducted under the BSWAT.
- The proposed exemption would apply while alternative wage setting arrangements are being considered, devised and/or established and implemented by FaHCSIA.

<b>NAME</b>	Ian Hunt
<b>ORGANISATION</b>	George Gray Centre Inc.
<b>POSITION</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>SIGNATURE</b> By signing this document I certify that I have authority to sign on behalf of the organisation named above.	

<b>COMMENTS</b>  We are strongly behind this application to ensure continuity of employment for persons with a disability is maintained and to allow our organisation time to plan for the introduction of an alternative wage assessment.
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