


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)

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

- I/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.

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ORGANISATION:	Windarrang CHAPD
POSITION:	Executive Director
SIGNATURE: By signing this document I certify that I have authority to sign on behalf of the organisation named above	

COMMENTS
<p>This short term exemption will enable reassessment of business models that have been in place for some time. It will provide time to look at the viability of each Business to ensure ongoing employment of as many supported employees as possible. In addition a new wage assessment tool may be able to be developed to ensure ongoing sustainability of businesses and the employment of people with disability until the full implementation of the NDIS</p>