


REQUEST TO JOIN EXEMPTION APPLICATION LODGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS) UNDER S55 OF THE DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT (1992) (CTH)

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

- I/We seek a conditional one year extension of the exemption for all existing ADEs and the Commonwealth (and officers of the Commonwealth) from sections 15, 24 and 29 of the DDA, for a period of one year from the expiration of the current exemption on 29 April 2015.
- The proposed exemption would apply while alternative wage setting arrangements are implemented by ADEs that have not adopted a wage assessment tool other than the BSWAT.
- The proposed exemption would apply while alternative wage setting arrangements are being devised and/or established and implemented by DSS.

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ORGANISATION:	The Flagstaff Group
POSITION:	CEO
SIGNATURE: By signing this document I certify that I have authority to sign on behalf of the organisation named above	

COMMENTS

Determining an appropriate wage setting mechanism for people with a disability working in ADE's is an extremely complex and emotive task. It is imperative that this be done in a structure and meaningful way that both protects the potential for a people with a disability to secure some form of employment and the dignity that work brings to the wellbeing of a person's life. This should not be rushed and the need for an extension is a must if we are to ensure choice of an employment option for a person with a disability.

