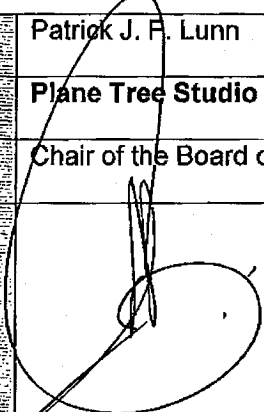


REQUEST TO JOIN EXEMPTION APPLICATION LODGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (FaHCSIA) UNDER S55 OF THE DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT (1992) (CTH)

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.

NAME:	Patrick J. F. Lunn
ORGANISATION:	Plane Tree Studio Inc., 107 Murray Street, Hobart TAS 7000
POSITION:	Chair of the Board of Management
SIGNATURE: By signing this document I certify that I have authority to sign on behalf of the organisation named above.	

COMMENTS

Plane Tree Studio Inc. ("Plane Tree") is a small ADE producing high quality handmade paper products and printing services that commenced operations in 1986. It presently employees 1 full time Studio Manager, 5 part time support staff and 14 supported employees. It is also assisted by 2 part time volunteers.

It's vision is to be recognised nationally as a leader in the delivery of quality services to people who have an intellectual disability by operating a sustainable business.

Plane Tree has always prided itself on the excellent service it provides to its supported employees.

Being a small ADE, Plane Tree simply does not have the financial means or personnel to develop an alternative wages assessment tool itself. Plane Tree joins this application to enable it to continue to use the BSWAT until an alternative wages assessment tool can be developed and implemented by FaHCSIA.