



Australian
Human Rights
Commission

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Dear Mr Christian,

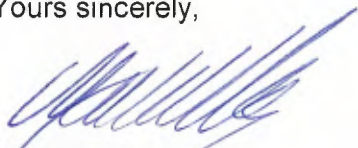
Business Services Wage Assessment Tool - Application for Exemption

I refer to your letter of 11 January 2016 in relation to the above application for an exemption from the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* for the period 30 April 2015 to 17 December 2015, the Interim Application.

Upon consideration of the information provided in that letter, the Commission is of the view that the Commonwealth does not have authority to make the application on behalf of ADEs. As a result, as it stands, the sole applicant for the Interim Application is the Commonwealth.

This matter is drawn to your attention as the NDS and its members may be under the impression the ADEs are applicants to the Interim Application. For this reason I have also copied this letter to the National Disability Services, the peak body for ADEs.

Yours sincerely,



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