

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:	Eurella Community Services Inc
POSITION:	General Manager
SIGNATURE:	By signing this document I certify that I have authority to sign on behalf of the organisation named above

COMMENTS

Eurella fully supports the request to extend the implementation to transition to an alternative wage tool for a year from 29th April 2015.

The sector has been subject to many changes in the last few years. Implementing those changes has required the diversion of our limited time from our day to day operations that ensure our survival.

An extension would also enable us to ensure the alternative wage tool is completely understood by our staff and supported employees, thereby ensuring fair and equitable wages.