**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:

INVe 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 BSVVAT to:

1. assess wages for employees; and
2. 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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| **NAME:** - | Beverly **Vines** | |
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| **POSITION:** | Executive **Director** | |
| **SIGNATURE:** By signing this document I certify that I have authority to sign on behalf of the organisation named above | • |  |

**COMMENTS**

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