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Attention Ms Bridget Akers

Lawyer

Legal Section

Australian Human Rights Commission

GPO Box 5218

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New South Wales 2001

30 October 2013 Dear Ms Akers

**Response to the application for an exemption under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)**

We refer to the above application for an exemption under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth) **(DDA)** by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs **(FaHCSIA)** now the Department of Social Services **(DSS),** in relation to their use of the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool **(BSWAT).**

The Individual Disability Advocacy Service **(IDAS)** based at Sussex Street Community Law Service Inc provides Individual and self Advocacy to people with disabilities by addressing instances of discrimination, abuse and neglect.

The IDAS is funded by FaHCSINDSS through the National Disability Advocacy Program (NDAP) and delivers advocacy for people living in WA regional areas of the Midwest, Great Southern and Goldfields/Esperance.

In partnership with Uniting Care West, Sussex Street is also funded by FaHCSIA/DSS to deliver individual disability advocacy for people with disabilities living in the North West Metro areas including cities of Wanneroo, Joondalup, Stirling and Town of Vincent and Cambridge

We, IDAS advocates from WA areas of Midwest, Great Southern, Goldfields/Esperance and the North West Metro, work in close collaboration with our Disability Discrimination Unit (DDU) and **would like to endorse the attached submission from DDU (Michele Hardesty-Munday) which opposes FaHCSINDSS application for a temporary exemption.**

Yours sincerely



**Rose-Ngoga, ordinator**

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