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Mr Michael Danby MP Chair Joint Standing Committee on Migration Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Danby

I refer to your letter of 17 August referring to the Inquiry into the migration treatment of people with disability being undertaken by the Joint Standing Committee on Migration.

Tasmania values the contribution people with disability can make to the community including those who were not born in this country. It is important to note that while some people with disability will require regular and ongoing access to health care services, many people with disability do not require any more health interventions than citizens without disability. In addition it should be noted that some people with disability are in a position to pay for their own disability care.

Tasmania is confident that the Committee, in undertaking this Inquiry, will consider all the potential impacts; both benefits and costs involved in achieving a balanced policy outcome free of any direct or indirect discrimination against persons with disability.

In regard to the specific terms of reference of the Committee, Tasmania has no detailed submission to make at this stage. However, it would welcome the opportunity to comment on the draft report in due course.

Yours sinderely

David Bartlett MP

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