

The Chairperson  
Parliamentary Joint Committee  
National Disability Insurance Scheme  
Parliament of Australia

Dear Sir/ Madam

**NDIS meeting Newcastle City Hall 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

As a Disabled person I represent others as well as myself as profound Deafness I appreciate that I am permitted to participate at this meeting I had also participated on one held prior – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Unfortunately my application to join the NDIS was **ONCE REJECTED** by the NDIS Charlestown office due to my age, at that time, of 67 **HEARTBROKEN**

I believe that the previous Labor Governments discriminated against those with Disabilities because of legislation which was discriminatory against charities with assets. However they did create a Disability Support Pension(DSP) although at that time I, rather than apply for the DSP; chose to remain in the workforce. Also once the word Disability was removed in the LAW which was created during Mr Fraser & Howard Government

It now appears that since the creation of the NDIS again Labor Government people over 65 cannot apply, which to me does not indicate equity for those with Disabilities over the age of 65. I believe that the process is unjust as I believe that all who have a Disability and are over 65 should qualify for the benefits of the NDIS. The NDIS should be available to all with A Disability regardless of their age. There should be **EQUITY** for all Australians with a Disability. Unfortunately this has not occurred and I welcome your comments towards conciliation of this issue with me, which has been outstanding since 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Other teething issues I believe require attention of **BARRIERS**:-

- 1 When my application was rejected by the Charlestown NDIS Office it did not assist me to seek any alternative
- 2 The Trial NDIS had already created and legislated so why doesn't the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters Ltd (NAATI) set up it's own Ethics Code as well!!!

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- 3 I received \$250 towards the expenses of Interpreter services which I had to discontinue due to me not being able to access the NDIS benefit for this service
- 4 ) There is free interpreting service for all Deaf Australians attending medical appointments. However after end of June 2016 this service will no longer be available for all Deaf Australians over age 65
- 5 Generally at conferences, forums , functions and funeral services Deaf attendees over age 65 cannot receive NDIS benefits for assistance services

Overall finally at the recent People With Disabilities Australia AGM I made an announcement of 'Holocaust(destruction)' perceived Age Discrimination

Once again I convey my appreciation of being to partipicle at this meeting today

**FRANK LAWRENCE PETERSON**

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The International Court of JUSTICE Any comment are welcome  
Royal Institute for the Deaf and Blind Children Any comment are welcome  
People With Disabilities Australia Any comment are welcome  
Australian Human Right Commission Any comment are Welcome