

Dear Committee

I would like to express my concerns at the recent proposed change to Disability Support Pension Portability Rules (Social Services & Other Legislation Amendment 2014 Budget Measures No 2) Bill 2014, to be introduced (if passed through Senate) by the Liberal Government effective on 1/1/15.

I believe as do many other DSP i have had contact with through ADDE, that the proposed change from 6 weeks unrestricted travel overseas (until recently was 13 weeks) to the proposed maximum 4 weeks in 52 weeks is grossly unfair and believe discriminatory especially to those older recipients of DSP that travel for personal or health reasons.

I appeal to you on behalf of all DSP,s to help block this move by the Liberal Government or at very least make travel overseas less restrictive for older recipients of the DSP, who for obvious reasons have no hope for any further work opportunity.

Being on a Disability Support Pension is not by choice but by birth related circumstances, work or accident related injuries and to pass a rule that restricts the freedom of movement and human rights of an Australian Citizen on DSP is grossly unjust.

I have written also to the Disability Discrimination Commissioner regarding this matter.

Once again I appeal to you not to allow this amendment to pass.

Sincerely
Phil Fowler.