

## Standing Committee on Employment, Workplace Relations, Skills and Training

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Dear Secretary of the Committee,

This submission has been forwarded to my member of parliament Mr Mark Dreyfus, whose office advised me to send it to the relevant standing committee. I am emailing you the documents relevant to my matter that has been forwarded to Mr Dreyfus and Ms. Clare O'Neil MP who was my federal representative in 2024.

The policy related matters I want to bring to the attention of the committee are:

- The candidates with mental illness like me with Higher Professional backgrounds are not appropriately supported to find work by Disability Employment Service (DES) or NDIA.
- Illness of high functional Autism are not diagnosed timely and supported appropriately to access workplace creating long term unemployment.
- Failures of Disability Employment Service and its potential successor NDIA to intervene with the matters described in the documents, even after repeated requests.

Due to mental health issues and autism, I have undergone episodic situations while looking for work for last 20 years. I am long term unemployed, willing to work but there is no help. I can present myself in a hearing and explain how system is not properly attuned to employ high functioning autistic individuals. I also can propose solutions to avoid long term unemployment of individuals like me.

I appreciate it if the committee can go through the enclosed documents. I request the committee to take this matter as a matter of public interest. The episodes reported and the matters raised are not unique to me. I am sure, there are many others receive the same treatment. I am happy to clarify or answer any questions.

