

Friday, 6 March 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Department of the Senate
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

I refer to the Select Committee on Autism (below).

“The terms of reference require the committee to focus its attention on productive and meaningful ways to improve services and support for autistic people in the areas of education, healthcare, employment, housing, justice and rights”.

In addressing the above concerns I would like to outline the following. The NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) needs to be more inclusive of the Autism Spectrum. Greater and individualised support is needed and required for adults to participate within the community and breakdown the barriers of ignorance and discrimination which still exist in Australia.

Greater focus is needed on adaptive learning to be more inclusive of the Autism Spectrum within schools and universities. More one and one support

Discrimination stills occurs in my case where I am rejected, annoyed and avoided causing a greater increase of social isolation, depression and anxiety. Bullying also creates life long damage and trauma. Greater awareness and supports are needed within the NDIS

Justice is virtually non existent as well as rights for people on the Autism Spectrum with discrimination and lack of support within legal areas. There is also poor support for independent living in terms of accommodation and other factors. People on the Autism Spectrum confront segregation and rejection from society as a whole.

Should you wish to contact me for more information please feel free to do so either via my website or by mobile phone

Yours faithfully

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