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Re: Fair Work Bill

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The Disability Discrimination Legal Service Incorporated is an independent, community organisation that specialises in disability discrimination matters. It is a not for profit incorporated association that provides free legal service to people with disabilities. It also provides community legal education and undertakes law and policy reform projects in the areas of disability and discrimination.

A committee of volunteers manages the service. The DDLS Management Committee includes people with disabilities. Many people with disabilities, volunteers and students contribute their efforts to the work of the DDLS.

The DDLS works as an active member of the community legal sector and the disability advocacy sector.

We write in relation to the above bill. We are aware that Job Watch is writing a submission to be considered by the Senate Inquiry. Within the submission, we understand there to be a proposal that all community legal centres be exempted from the requirement to seek leave to appear in matters heard by Fair Work Australia.

We write to support that proposal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Phillips'.

Julie Phillips
Manager

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Placido Belardo
Principal Solicitor