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I am writing to you about The proposed changes to The Disability Discrimination Act. Thank you for giving me The chance to have my say. I am very worried when I saw in The newspaper That The government wants to make it OK for people who use or have used drugs to be discriminated against.

Being a Vietnamese refugee before I know alot about discrimination in Australia already. I am worried That changes to The governments policy will make it easier for people from my community to not get proper access to The Things we need like jobs, houses and education.

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You may or may not be aware that drug use especially
heroin use is more + more common in my community
these days. Addiction already makes getting a
job and a house difficult. Please don't change
the laws to make it even easier for bosses
and landlords to not give us a job or somewhere
to live.

To me it seems very hard to know how
people will really know about drug use. Will it
also be OK for bosses + landlords to make us
go for a drug test if they think we might
be using heroin or because we live in Footscray
or Cobnamatta then we must be drug users.

I already know friends of mine who write
addresses in nice suburbs like Hawthorn
or Kew when they apply for jobs even
though they really live in Footscray. You
must know we already find it very tough

③ to get a job because we are not always speaking english well. At least this is still illegal so if we can prove the discrimination and we know it is against the law.

So please consider my opinion when you have to write the report to the government about this issue. I would be more worried if it was not against the law to discriminate against me or others who they think are using heroin.

Kind Regards

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