

Hi,

I don't think that the Department of Social Security should be given 3 years to fix or design a new tool. If this was happening to any other group of workers there would be industrial issues including union involvement. It is disappointing that that DSS is supposed to be responsible for ensuring that people with disabilities are provided with services but yet they haven't in this case. I have to ask the question, with so many employers using this BSWAT tool and apparently having people who have a minimum of a certificate 4, why hasn't this issue been raised in the past ? Another problem I have with the 3 year period is that people could change jobs within that time, be offered a low pay rate only to find in 3 years their employer finds that the person is too expensive. An example of this: I know a young man in northern NSW completing a certificate 3, now if he changed jobs he could be paid a low wage but later be assessed and be worth more simply because he is better qualified than his fellow workers.

Thanks

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