


REQUEST TO JOIN EXEMPTION APPLICATION LODGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (FaHCSIA) UNDER S55 OF THE DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT (1992) (CTH)

I/We seek to join/support the exemption application submitted by FaHCSIA as follows:

- I/We seek an exemption for all existing ADEs from sections 15 and 24 of the DDA, and the Commonwealth (and officers of the Commonwealth) from section 29 for a period of three years.
- This exemption would apply to use of the BSWAT to:
 - (a) assess wages for employees; and
 - (b) pay wages to ADE employees based on assessments conducted under the BSWAT.
- The proposed exemption would apply while alternative wage setting arrangements are being considered, devised and/or established and implemented by FaHCSIA.

NAME:	Brian Burke
ORGANISATION:	Pinnacle Inc.
POSITION:	CEO
SIGNATURE: By signing this document I certify that I have authority to sign on behalf of the organisation named above	

COMMENTS

Pinnacle Inc. (Ararat/Stawell) along with Woodbine Inc. (Warracknabeal) and possibly Cooina Disability Service (Nhill) have engaged a consulting company to conduct research into the impact of using the BSWAT wage assessment tool compared to other approved tools (such as the SWS) in relation to each supported employees specific circumstances and the overall impact on each of the participating organisations.