**Willing to Work: National Inquiry into Employment Discrimination against Older Australians and Australians with Disability**

# Submission No 169

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Well, I have been discriminated in just about every job I’ve had over the years.

I can only think of one time where I received help. I was terminated from my

Job in 2012 for being an injured worker, transferred to the insurance company

And have been treated like a criminal ever since. I cannot return to my pre-

Injury employment as a bus driver without 100% risk of further aggravation or

Re-injury. The bus company I worked for did not pay me my long service pay

Etc. I rang the NSW industrial relations and eventually I received my entitlements.

Currently, I am a full time carer, 56 and worried about my future job prospects.

I would have liked to go into more detail about the discrimination I have experienced

Over the years as being a gay person but what good would it do – we have a

Government who openly discriminates – a plebicite?, Free vote in Parliament?

No one in this country or anywhere in this world has a right to decide if I should

Have the same right as them, not a damn thing I can do about it.

Now, I am 56 and have a work related injury, workers rights are being eroded.

And I know I stand very little chance of being able to earn a decent, living wage.

I will never ask for mercy from an employer, just a fair go. But in my experience,

In the workplace, employers are the ones with all the power, put up, or shut up.

Anyway for what it’s worth, here it is, my submission.