



Inquiry into the Provision of Assistive Technology and Equipment for People with Disabilities

The Tasmanian Parliamentary Committee on Community Development has resolved to inquire into and report upon the issue of assistive technology and equipment for people with disabilities in Tasmania with particular reference to:

1. Strategies, policies and practices to ensure the effective and consistent operation of the Community Equipment Scheme (CES) including the following issues:
 - (a) Current and future resourcing;
 - (b) Caps on contributions;
 - (c) Eligibility criteria; and
 - (d) Prioritisation method.
2. The ability of people with disabilities to access funds for equipment and assistive technology in the community.
3. The establishment of a centralised system to track and audit available equipment and assistive technology that could be implemented in Tasmania.
4. Community equipment schemes operating in other jurisdictions and possible alternate models that could be implemented in Tasmania.
5. Any other relevant matters.

Individuals and organizations with an interest in any of these matters are invited to forward a written submission by close of business on Monday, 3 March, 2008, addressed to the Secretary, Joint Standing Committee on Community Development, Parliament House, Hobart, 7000.

Submissions become Committee documents and are made public only after a decision by the Committee. Persons making submissions must not release them without the approval of the Committee. Submissions are protected by parliamentary privilege but the unauthorised release of them is not. The Committee encourages the lodgement of submissions in electronic form. Emailed submissions must include name, phone number and postal address. Guidelines for witnesses and the preparation of a submission are available on the Internet at <http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/> or by contacting the Secretary – **Ph: (03) 6233 2248 – Fax: (03) 6233 8103 – Email: committees@parliament.tas.gov.au**