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Secretary
 Joint Standing Committee on Community Development
 Parliament House
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Attention: Mr. Charles Casimaty
 Subject: Written Submission

Dear Sir,

*Re: Principals/Objectives that should form the basis of
 The 'New Disability Services Act'*

*Please find enclosed for your information my written submission to
 the select committee to inquire into the 'New Disability Services Act.'*

*Here again is another great example of how the Tasmania
 Together Process can bare fruit for Tasmanians*

*How to be part of '51 Ways to Make Tasmania a Better Place'
 Items #24 , #28 and #30 of how
 'You Can Help Improve Our Democracy.'*

respectfully submitted,



[Signature]
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 Encl: xl

*p.s. As a Canadian I could have had no better mentor/teacher than Robert Hunter.
 ..the fact is that if there had been no Robert Hunter, there would not
 today be a Greenpeace organization.*

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 one Dares to Beee.....*

HAVE YOUR SAY *'The NEW Disability Services Act'*

"It's about having a feeling about being equal and being treated fairly."

Michael Aird MLC (*Wed. 05/24/06 Education Forum New Norfolk*)

Introduction

The challenge for this committee is to capture the potential benefits of a new age government activism. A government that has embraced the KPMG recommendations & created the office of the Minister for Human Services Lin Thorp MLC. The community is ready to invite government in to help solve their problems within the delivery of services as mentioned in the three points highlighted to be investigated by the committee.

It is my belief that by spending more through government and treating government as a partner rather than an enemy of the Disability Sector, Tasmania can potentially save vast sums in the long run through a more efficient modern approach to service provision.

*Tasmanians deserve/need a sensible act/strategy that deals with the situation now while preparing for the future. The changes to the Act are twofold and will only come to see the light of day because of... The first part has and is being demonstrated now **the political will to get on with the job.** Secondly, the move into the area of a modern approach to service provision will require a **massive expansion** in public spending.*

As a support worker who will be expected to work and participate in the implementation of recommendation #4 - 'Effectiveness' from the June 2008 KPMG review of Tasmanian disability services, there is the need to enhance the capacity of the workforce. The inquiry includes exploring the obligations to protect human rights, and the look & feel of specialist disability provisions mirrored in modern approaches.

Since late 1999 there have been 2 very important people driven movements running side by side. The first was the Grey Parliament 1999 which later became the Community Par'l 2004. The other was the start of the Tasmania Together Process. Because of these two events in my life, I now frame up my best practice as a Disability Support Worker around the following questions.....

WHAT *is going on???? Here is a good example of one answer that is relevant, ' The desire by the Minister for services to be delivered more effectively in the relationship to new/ modern approaches to service provision.*

WHY *is it going on????? By asking this question I feel we already have 50% of the solution. Within the context of this inquiry, any principals/objectives worth exploring must incorporate 'dignity of risk'. i.e. the capacity to cut slack*

WHAT *can I do about it?? Participate in and promote building Community Capacity which fosters/encourages a better understanding of what trying to be ones self within the present environment around the changes in the model for delivery of services. (physically, spiritually & emotionally)*



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The Recommendations

The objectives & principals put forwards here must be viewed from the perspective, that some of the players although they do not represent people with disabilities, are engaged or interested in disability issues and recognise and accept the leadership role of people with disabilities and their representative organisations in disability issues.

1) Guiding Principals

- *services are designed and executed in collaboration using as its foundation; 'Nothing about us with out us' i.e. the leadership of Disabled People Organisations.*
- *the emphasis for the development of services that deliver expert judgment; The shift away from getting the form right(process-oriented),. The trap is that often hollow out key terms mask as judgment.*
- *the right to self-determination, the recognition of human rights;*
 - *the impact of racism and stigma;*
 - *the need for cultural understandings;*
- *The high quality services & equitable funding for delivery;*
 - *disability advocacy has a leadership role to play; i.e. the interdependence fostered by inclusion development & the human rights approach to disability.*

2) Objectives

- *develop an understanding at all levels community, regional & state who should be consulted;*
- *develop training & resources in fostering the monitoring & implementation of the standards created within the act;*
 - *provide the capacity for the act to be user friendly;*
 - *promote the idea of a fully inclusive alliances/coalitions;*
 - *community awareness) (education campaigns, raising the interest around the act;*



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