

Productivity Commission Disability Discrimination Act Inquiry

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I've never been to school because of my bad experiences I have had, with my learning disability, due to lack of oxygen over the cortex of the brain.

I wasn't getting the right help with my learning disability, so then I decided to educate myself from home because I got ridicule in the school. My other disability is that I suffer from a particular form of biological disorder, this involves me to be overweight, and the worst discrimination is ignorance from society itself. Don't really know of such disease and what causes it, so they label a person in a form of fat and lazy, because maybe you'll overeat a lot and that is why I think that is discrimination and a term of discrimination.

With my problem of being overweight due to a health problem, discrimination stigma is transmitted from society, because people are so ignorant about what causes this problem.

I don't really accept or believe the HREOC, everyone is discriminatory in a way or another, or has human rights, how come that freedom is restricted from getting a job while having a disability, not getting public housing because of high population and not enough to go around.

About the Disability Discrimination Act, it should be define in a particular part of the legislation and separate to the HREOC.

I think the normal Discrimination Act doesn't really work because it's biased and combine with the HREOC.

I also think that discrimination now will be improve, more than ten years ago because of certain support services don't exists, but certain humiliating comments will always exists and in a hostile environment because of human nature.

The Disability Discrimination Act is different because it gives a change of behaviour towards people with disabilities.

Definition of a disability

A public awareness campaign is needed to counter stigma, harassment, and vilification as much as discriminatory practice in defining such disability.

Is when someone is unable to function because of physical or mental condition.