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RESIDENT ADVOCACY GROUP**

15th April 2003

Mr. P. Belin
Assistant Commissioner
Productivity Commission
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Dear Mr. Belin,

Re: Disability Discrimination Act Inquiry

Thank you for your helpful correspondence dated 8th April 2003.

The purpose of our submission was not so much to raise a specific complaint, but rather the issue of general discrimination against people with intellectual disabilities by State Government DADHC in respect of their preferred living arrangements.

Whilst we are not fully familiar with contents of the Disability Discrimination Act, we feel that policies of Government for people to relocate from small to medium size group homes into Government housing, whilst allowing and encouraging group home accommodation for aged citizens, would appear to discriminate against people with disabilities.

We would appreciate the issue being considered in the inquiry if this is deemed appropriate.

Thank you once again for your assistance in respect of our specific concerns.

Yours sincerely

John Leddy
Secretary