



ATTACHMENT B/111

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Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
Minister for Children and Young People
Minister for Disability
Minister for Small Business and the Arts
Minister for Veterans and Seniors

Member for Ginninderra

Ms Vanessa Fanning
8 Durville Crescent
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Dear Ms Fanning

Thank you for your letter of 19 August 2016 in relation to your eligibility to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

I appreciate you are disappointed by the outcome of your appeal to the NDIS. Like you, I believe the rules of the Scheme were not intended to cause the exclusion of people with lifelong or other non-age related disabilities and made that point to Minister Porter for his consideration when I wrote to him on 29 March 2016 to raise the issues you have highlighted.

Under Section 55 of the *NDIS Act 2013* data was forwarded to the NDIS about ACT clients of disability program funded services and government disability programs. Only programs that were most likely to provide services to potentially eligible NDIS participants were included in this process.

The Enhanced Service Offer (ESO) provided grants to successful applicants rather than direct services. Over 2500 applicants applied to the ESO. While its application process aligned to NDIS eligibility, the scrutiny for grant eligibility was not intended to exclude people in need of support and was not resourced to be as robust as the NDIS processes. No data sharing arrangements were made with the Commonwealth in relation to ESO applicant details. I have asked my officials to again inquire of the NDIA regarding cases such as yours.


Thank you for taking the time to contact me about your circumstances which I have brought to the attention of Minister Porter. I am sorry to not be able to provide you with a more positive response in this instance.


Yours sincerely

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