



Hobsons Bay
CITY COUNCIL

21st April 2011

Ms Patricia Scott
Disability Care and Support
Productivity Commission
GPO Box 1428
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

Our Ref: A1310714

Dear Commissioner Scott,

DRAFT REPORT: DISABILITY CARE AND SUPPORT

Reference is made to the Productivity Commission's draft report on disability care and support.

Upon reviewing the draft report, Hobsons Bay City Council welcomes the Productivity Commission's recommendations for a much improved system to support Australians with disabilities and their families.

At its meeting on the 22nd March 2011, the Council resolved to support a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), which will ensure that every eligible Australian is able to access a range of essential support services, in the event of significant disability, regardless of how they acquire their disability or where they live.

In line with the commitments set out in the Council's Disability Action Plan 2008–2012, the Council also supports the important role an NDIS would play in promoting opportunities for people with disabilities as well as creating awareness amongst the community about the issues that affect people with disabilities.

The Council looks forward to the Productivity Commission's final report and to reviewing the proposed way forward for this much needed disability scheme.

Yours faithfully

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER