

The Hon Brendan O'Connor
Minister for Employment Participation

Firstly, thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback about employment services.

Link Personnel is the Horizon Foundation's Disability Employment Network (DEN) which has been in the Redlands District of Queensland for over 25 years.

COMMENTS

I am very satisfied with the Case Based Funding model applied to DEN's as we at last have an equal playing field where all providers receive the same level of payments.

The Job Capacity Assessment (JCA) is proving to be a disincentive to voluntary participation in DEN. Jobseekers are justifiably afraid of losing their Disability Service Pension if they ask to be referred to a DEN provider.

Welfare to Work legislation is putting a disproportionate amount of stress and uncertainty on the most vulnerable people in society.

The Disability Pre-employment Instrument (DPI) / Disability Maintenance Instrument (DMI) adjustments, need only to be minor but currently in the *Special Assistance* category no provision is made for rehabilitation related physical interventions and subsequently no weighting is able to be gained from intensive and costly programs like (Weight Management, Hydrotherapy and Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Chiropractic interventions).

Thank you again.

Regards

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