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Mr. Brendan O'Connor MP  
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Dear Mr. O'Connor

I operate a JPO as a sole operator. The reason I set up was I had previously worked in Jobnetwork and the closest Jobnetwork Agency is situated 125klms from Manjimup. I therefore considered that local jobseekers would require a local shop front to look for work.

I have tried to identify future employment prospects within my local area in order that training needs could be matched to employment prospects. I have found that in the past training programs have been set up but these are of little benefit if some one is not employed within the area they have been trained in within a short period of time.

If jobseekers change location and are not currently registered (may not have been registered within the last year). It can be difficult to get them signed up with a different Jobnetwork, JSSO registration. If JSSO registration could be kept open continuously once they have been given a number and it was not locked in to a specific Jobnetwork unless in receipt of Centerlink payments.

Jobseekers may be in receipt of Centerlink payments i.e. parenting payments but are classified as Inactive. Some jobseekers seem to have difficulty getting there registration going.

I think that people in receipt of Austudy payments should be able to use the services provided. I have found University Students will often come in but are not able to have an active Jobseeker No and so are unable to be referred to vacancies.

Hopefully some of this letter may contain something that can be used to improve the system overall.

Regards John Keogh